

Thursday Morning, May 24, 1744.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Ordered, That the Journal of Accounts be cloed to Tuesday next. On Consideration of the Report of the Committee, concerning the Facts contained in the Petition of *Mary Stokes*, Widow; Leave is given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill as prayed.

The Bill entituled, *An Act for laying out a-new the Town called Marlborough Town, &c.* was sent to the Upper Houle by Mr. *Magruder* and Mr. *Sprigg*.

*Philip Thomas*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, &c.* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, May 24, 1744. Read "the Second Time, and will pass."

Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which Bill was here Read, and passed for Ingrossing.

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and other Slaves; and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders; and to an Act entituled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meetings, and other Irregularities, of Negroes and other Slaves, and directing the Manner of trying of Slaves;* was Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper Houle, with the Paper-Bill, by Mr. *Brome* and Mr. *Paca*.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem.

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On Reading the Governor's Message of the 17th Instant, concerning a further Sum of Money, for carrying on and compleating the building of a Governor's House; the Question was put, Which of the two following Questions should be put? *viz.*

Whether any further Sum of Money shall be given, for compleating the present Building, now carrying on for a Governor's House, for the Time being? Or,

Whether the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds shall be given, for compleating the present Building, now carrying on for a Governor's House, for the Time being?

Resolved, That the last mentioned Question shall be the Question put.

Thereupon the Question was put, Whether the Sum of 2000 *l.* shall be given, for compleating the present Building, now carrying on for a Governor's House, for the Time being? Which passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith*, Dr. *Carroll*, and Mr. *N. Goldsborough* prepare an Answer to the Governor's Message of the 17th Instant.

*George Plater*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees*, Indorsed, "By "the Upper House of Assembly, May 24, 1744. Read the Second Time, "and will not pass.

Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho.

Complaint being made to the House by Mr. *Tho. Hammond*, a Member, that a Summons was served upon him, signed by Mr. *Philip Jones* and *John Meriken*, Sen. who are Commissioners appointed by *Anne-Arundel* County-Court, to examine Evidences, relating to the Bounds of a Tract of Land, called *Howard's Addition*, for him. at his Peril, to attend at the