

House of one *Chapman*, over *Severn River*, on Saturday the 26th Instant, at 10 of the Clock, to be examined as an Evidence, relating to the Bounds of the said Tract of Land, at the Instigation of *Mr. Vachel Denton*.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms inform *Mr. Vachel Denton* to attend at the Bar of this House: The Serjeant acquainted *Mr. Speaker* he had informed *Mr. Denton*, who attended.

*Mr. Denton* was ordered to appear at the Bar; he appeared, and made ample Excuse. *Mr. Speaker* thereupon acquainted him, that although this House looked upon a Summons being served upon any Member during the Session of Assembly, to be a violent Breach of Privilege; yet, in regard it appeared by his Manner of Submission, that he had not any Intention to offer any Indignity to the House, or any Member thereof, he stood excused, and ordered him to withdraw his Summons immediately; which he acquainted *Mr. Speaker* he would very readily comply with.

*Col. Lloyd*, from the Upper House, delivers *Mr. Speaker* the Bill entituled, *An Act to enable certain Commissioners therein named, to lay out Forty Acres of Land into Eighty Lots, for a Town, &c.* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, May 24, 1744. Read the Second Time, and will pass, with the following Amendment; viz. The Words *and they, or the major Part of them*, in the 19th Line of the first Page, to be left out. Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bill was here Read, and with the Amendment proposed, passed for Ingressing.

*Daniel Dulany*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers *Mr. Speaker* the Bill entituled, *An Act for raising Twopence Sterling on every Hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province, for Payment of an Agent, &c.* 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."

An Ingressed Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy*, was Read and Assented to, and Sent to the Upper House, with the Paper-Bill, by *Mr. Pearce* and *Capt. Hyland*.

The Bill entituled, *An Act for dividing All-hallows Parish, in Worcester County, and for erecting a Parish out of the same, called by the Name of Worcester Parish*, was Read the Second Time and passed, and sent to the Upper House by *Capt. Purnell* and *Capt. Selby*.

*Samuel Chamberlain*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers *Mr. Speaker* the Bill entituled, *An Act to exempt Part-Owners of Ships and Vessels, being Residents of this Province, &c.* And the following Message; viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly.

Gentlemen,

May 24, 1744.

WE send you back the Bill *To exempt Part-Owners of Ships and Vessels, being Residents of this Province, from the Payment of Duties*, with our Negative to it; not only because the Title and Enacting Part are inconsistent, but also because we think it will be a better Way to have a Bill brought in, to lay a Duty of One Penny per Gallon on all Rum and other Spirits, and Wine, that shall be Imported (except from *Great-Britain*); as we believe so small a Duty will raise more Money, than is at present raised by the Threepence per Gallon now payable, and that it will put all his Majesty's Subjects importing the said Liquors, upon an equal Foot.

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

The House adjourns until the Morrow-Morning at 9 of the Clock.

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