

Saturday Morning, June 2, 1744.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c. All appeared as Yesterday, except Capt. Chesley.

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Relief of Francis O Connor, &c.* was Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by Maj. Sberedine and Mr. Selby.

Mr. Worthington, from the Committee of Accounts, delivers the following Report, viz.

By the Committee of Accounts.

June 2. 1744.

YOUR Committee having inspected the Accounts Current, from Messieurs Samuel Hyde, William Hunt, and Robert Cruikshank, Trustees in Great-Britain (from the Year 1736, to April 1743,) of the Fifteen Pence per Hoghead raised for the Sinking Fund of the Paper Currency, and the Naval Officers Accounts relating thereto, do find, that several Naval Officers have Charged the Province of Maryland with the following Bills remitted to the said Trustees, which the said Trustees have not Credited the said Province for, viz.

1737. Henry Morgan's Bill on Lyde and Cooper, for 17 l. 16 s. remitted by George Plater, Esq; Naval Officer of Patuxent.

Catharine Playfay's ditto Indorsed by Henry Macey, for 10 l. remitted by Philip Lee, Esq; Naval Officer of North-Potomack.

1738. John Boyd's ditto, Indorsed by John Brown, for 13 l. 17 s. 1 d. remitted by ditto.

1740. John Dormant's ditto, Indorsed by Robert Yates, for 53 l. 11 s. and 8 d. remitted by ditto.

1741. James Mollinson's ditto, Indorsed by Robert Brown, for 25 l. 14 s. remitted by ditto.

1737. Levin Gale, Esq; Naval Officer of Pocomoke, on Neal Buchanan, for 65 l. 14 s. 4 d. 2 q. remitted by himself.

1738, Ditto on ditto, for 71 l. 3 s. 1 d. 2 q. remitted by ditto.

1739. Ditto on ditto, for 74 l. 2 s. 6 d. remitted by ditto.

1740. Ditto on ditto, for 99 l. 14 s. 4 d. 2 q. remitted by ditto.

1741. Randolph Johnson's ditto on Buchanan, for 4 l. 0 s. 6 d. remitted by Philip Lee, Esq; Naval Officer of North Potomack.

Your Committee observe, that there is no Account from the said Naval Officer of North Potomack, for the Duty of 15 d. per Hoghead since the 29th September 1742.

Your Committee further observe, that the said Trustees have Charged the said Province for Noting and Protesting Bills of Exchange from the 16th July 1734 to 1740, the Sum of 13 l. 7 s. 8 d. which said Sum your Committee cannot find accounted for by any of the Naval Officers, and are informed the constant practice of the several Naval Officers are to order their Correspondents in London, to pay any Bills they shall remit on the account of the 15 d. per Hoghead, on their own Accounts, and return the same Bills to them if Protested, in order to take to themselves the Damages arising on such Protests.

Your Committee also observe, that the said Trustees have Credited the Province on the 2d of May 1738, with Samuel Chew's Exchange on Hyde for 10 l. And on the 9th Day of May 1741, with William Graham's Exchange on Hicks and Gilpin for 29 l. 16 s. which Bills not being charged to the Province in any Naval Officer's Account, your Committee