

Wednesday Morning, August 28, 1745.

THE House met according to Adjournment: And the Proceedings of Yesterday were Read.

Resolved, That the Complaint of Mr. *Philemon Lecompte*, against Mr. *James Billings*, a Magistrate of *Dorchester* County, be referred for Consideration, to the next Session of Assembly: And Ordered, That the Clerk of this House give Mr. *Billings* Notice thereof.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill be brought in to Condemn a certain Quantity of Land at *Rock-Creek* Landing, on *Potowmack* River, for the Building of a Rolling-House, or Houses, &c. Leave given, and Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the same.

On Reading the Petition of *Samuel Preston Moore*, *Margaret Moore*, *Richard Moore*, *Mordecai Moore*, *Thomas Moore*, and *Charles Moore*; and the Petition of *Elizabeth Hanson*:

Mr. *Smith*, Maj. *Hall*, and Mr. *Wm. Wilkinson*, are Appointed a Committee to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said Petitions.

Col. *Hammond*, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, a Petition of the Inhabitants of *Baltimore*- and *Jones's*-Towns, praying that the said Two Towns may be laid out into One Town; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, Aug. 28, 1745, Read, and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly. Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho. Which Petition was here Read and Granted.

And a Petition of sundry the Freholders and Inhabitants of the upper Parts of *Dorchester* and *Queen-Anne's* Counties, praying, that a Bill may be brought in for Erecting a new County out of the upper Parts of the said Two Counties; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, Aug. 28, 1745, Read, and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly. Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho.

The following Message, *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly. August 28, 1745.

May it please your Honours,

THAT nothing may be omitted on our Part, whereby the Ease and Happiness of the People may be promoted, and that your honourable Board may have an opportunity of shewing the sincerity of your disposition to concur in any reasonable measures towards their Relief, by a Regulation of Officers Fees: We propose a Conference with your Honours for that End, and shall readily join some of our Members with any of yours, to reconcile, if possible, the Difficulties that have hitherto obstructed a Bill of that sort.

Signed per Order, *WM. TILGHMAN*, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by Maj. *Sberedine*, and Capt. *Hopper*.

Mr. Speaker communicates to the House the following Message from his Excellency, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

HIS Lordship having received the Address of the late Lower House of Assembly, concerning an Offer of a certain Sum in lieu of his Quit-Rents, has been pleased to signify to me, that altho' he is perfectly sensible an Equivalent can hardly be given him for such an increasing Income; yet that I may endeavour to settle such a Composition, and on such Terms as may be reasonable for his Lordship, easy to his Tenants, and conducive to the Happiness of the whole Province.

T. BLADEN.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill be brought in to make valid some Defects in antient Conveyances of Lands; Leave given, and Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Speaker communicates to the House the following Message, and Treaty, from the Governor, *viz.*