

Tuesday Morning, September 3, 1745.

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

Mr. Mackall, and Mr. Lecompte, appear in the House.

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act continuing an Act, entituled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An additional supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for laying out and erecting a Town at a Place called Long-Point, on the West side of North-East River, in Cæcil County.*

And an Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, entituled, An Act to enable Commissioners therein named, to lay out Forty Acres of Land into Eighty Lots for a Town on Indian-River in Worcester County; as also Forty Acres of Land into Eighty Lots at the Head of Asseteague-Creek, at a Place commonly called The Trap, for a Town.*

Were severally Read, and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills, by Mr. Bordley, and Mr. Harris.

Dr. Carroll, brings in an Address to his Excellency, which was Read, Approved of, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, entituled, An Act appointing Commissioners for dividing St. Mary's County into Four Parishes, and to erect that Part of All-Faith, and King and Queen Parish, lying in Charles County, into a distinct Parish.*

And an Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act for laying out the Town a-new commonly called Princess-Anne Town, in Somerset County.*

Were severally Read, and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills, by Wm. Stoughton, Esq; and Capt. Addison.

The following Ingrossed Address to his Excellency, viz.

To his Excellency THOMAS BLADEN, Esq; Governor of Maryland;

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES of the said Province.

May it please your Excellency,

IN your Message to this House, concerning an Equivalent in lieu of his Lordship's Quit-Rents, you have been pleased to tell us, that it is signified that "you may endeavour to settle such Composition on such Terms as may be reasonable for his Lordship, easy to his Tenants, and conducive to the Happiness of the whole Province."

We take leave to return your Excellency Thanks for your kind Offices herein, and hope you will believe that it is our sincere Desire (if it may be done) that such Composition should be equally Reasonable as well for his Lordship, as the People we Represent, and from his kind Expressions we have reason to expect he means the same.

The House of Delegates in May Session 1744, did; by an Address to your Excellency, make a Proposal to be transmitted to his Lordship on this head, to which as we have no direct Answer, we are desirous to know whether the same be acceptable, or if otherwise, what his Lordship, or your Excellency for him, shall judge to be a reasonable Composition; and as we conceive this must be grounded on the neat Proceeds of the Quit-Rents in the respective Counties, as received by his Lordship, we therefore pray that your Excellency will order to be laid before us the Amount of the Quit-Rents as aforesaid; as also communicate to us what his Lordship's Desire and Expectation may be herein, or any other Circumstance which you may think conducive to the Completion of this matter.

Being Read, and Assented to, was Ordered, on Behalf of the House, to be Signed by the honourable Speaker.

Wm. Stoughton, Esq; and Mr. Sprigg, Ordered to acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, he will receive it immediately in the Conference-Chamber.

Mr. Smith, with Thirteen others, sent to present the Address: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they have presented it.

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