

Mr. Smith, from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts mentioned in the Petition of Messieurs Samuel Preston Moore, and Others, and the Petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Hanson, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report, *viz.*

By the Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts mentioned in the Petition of Messieurs Samuel Preston Moore, and Others, and the Petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Hanson, Sept. 3, 1745.

YO.U.R. Committee having enquired into the several Facts set forth in the Petition of Samuel Preston Moore, and others of Anne-Arundel County, praying leave to bring in a Bill, to confirm a Deed of Bargain and Sale from William and Edward Mitchell and Grace his Wife, to Merdcai Moore, Physician, for one Moiety of a Tract of Land, called Mitchell's Chance: And also into the several Facts set forth in the Petition of Elizabeth Hanson of Charles County, praying leave to bring in a Bill to confirm a Deed of Bargain and Sale, from James Connell and Anne his Wife, of St. Mary's County, to John Dunbar of the same County, for a Tract of Land containing One Hundred Acres, lying in Charles County: Do find the same to be True. All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the House.

Signed per Order, THOMAS JENNINGS Cl. Com.

Which being Read, the Petitions mentioned in the said Report, are Granted.

Col. Hooper, brings in a Bill to prohibit raising of Swine and Geese in the Town of Cambridge, in Dorchester County; which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Wednesday Morning, September 4, 1745.

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

Mr. Wootton appears in the House.

Mr. Speaker communicates to the House the following Message from his Excellency, with Accounts relating to the Building of a House for the Governor:

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,
I SEND you the Account of what Money I have received from the Paper-Currency Office, for the building a Governor's House, what Disbursements have been made, and what remains due to myself, and to Patrick Creagh.

T. BLADEN.

A Bill, entituled, *A supplementary and additional Act to the Act entituled, An Act for erecting a Town on the North side of Patapisco in Baltimore County, and for laying out in Lots sixty Acres of Land, in and about the Place where John Fleming now lives: And to an Act entituled, An Act for erecting a Town on a Creek divided on the East from the Town lately laid out in Baltimore County, called Baltimore Town, on the Land whereon Edward Fell keeps Store.* Was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,
I AM sorry that my Message in Answer to your former Address, concerning the Pound of Tobacco per Taxable, is not satisfactory to you; but as I believe that Dissatisfaction has proceeded from Inattention to the Acts you mention in your last Address I am in Hopes that when you shall have consider'd them again, the Transaction will appear to you in a very different Light from what it has hitherto done.
It is true, the first Act was a temporary one, and that when it was near expiring, it was continued by another temporary Act for three Years, and to the End of the next Session which should happen after the End of the said three Years; then comes the last Act mentioned by you, which revives and continues the first Act in full Force, without mentioning any Time for it's Duration, and consequently makes it perpetual: I believe the Difference between a perpetual and a temporary Law is, that there is no Time limited for the Duration, Operation, or Continuance of the former, and that therefore it must continue in Force 'til it is repealed; that the latter having a fixed or limited Time for it's Duration or Operation, it must certainly expire, when the Time so fixed and limited expires, or the End for which the Act was made is fully answered, unless it is continued by another Law. The Case then here is, that the third and last Act revived and continued the first