

The Petition of sundry the Free-holders 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 Counties; Read, and Granted: And Ordered, that the aforementioned Gentlemen be likewise a Committee to enquire, where the Bounds of the said County may most conveniently run.

A Bill entituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Allowance of Petit Jurors attending the Provincial Court, and to limit Costs with Respect to Evidences*, was brought in.

Mr. *William Wilkinson* appears in the House.

*William Stoughton*, Esq; brings in an Address to his Excellency, which was read, approved of, and ordered to be ingrossed.

On reading the Message from his Excellency communicated to this House, with Accounts relating to the building of a House for the Governor; a Question was put, Whether the Consideration thereof shall be referred to the next Assembly, or not? Resolved in the Affirmative.

*The House adjourns 'til To-morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

*Tuesday Morning, September 10, 1745.*

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

*Richard Lee*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker a Petition of *Francis Warring*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the Petitioner and the Heirs of his Body, and for want of such Heirs, in the Heirs of the Body of *Basyl Warring*, Part of Two Tracts of Land called *Mazooseps*, and *Addition*; Indorsed, " By the Upper House of Assembly, *Sept. 10, 1745.* Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

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

Which Petition being Read, *Col. Hooper*, and *Mr. Sprigg*, are appointed to enquire into the Truth of the Facts therein set forth.

A Motion being made by a Member, that this House take some further Steps this Session, for obtaining an Officer's Fee Bill; the House agrees thereto.

Mr. Speaker communicates to the House the following Message, and Estimate of the Amount of his Lordship's Quit-Rents, *viz.*

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

IN Answer to your Address concerning the Quit-Rents, I have received the Account, herewith sent you, from my Lord's Agent, of the nett yearly Amount of them in the several Counties: Besides what is now received there are, as I am informed; considerable Sums in Arrear, which will certainly be received as the Land is chargeable with them; there are a great many Certificates in the Office which are not yet carried to the Rent-Roll, a great many still in the Hands of the Surveyors, and Warrants located for great Quantities but not yet executed; when all these are added, which will be in about a Year, they will increase the Amount of his Lordship's Rents very considerably.

My Lord, upon the Expiration of the late Revenue Bill, found his Rent-Rolls in very great Disorder and Confusion; which put him under the Necessity of allowing very great Discounts to those who farmed the Rents in some Parts of the Province, and Ten per Cent. Commission to Receivers: But when the Contracts with the Farmers expire, as the Rent-Rolls are in good Order, the Sheriffs can afford to collect the Rents for Five per Cent. because they will have the Power of Distraining, and the incident Fees.

When all these Things are considered, and that the Rents have increased in five Years past to the Amount of almost 400 *l.* per Annum, it is very probable that the Rents, in a very few Years, will exceed 6000 *l.* Sterling per Annum, clear of Charges; and that they will still continue increasing is certain: His Lordship is very sensible of this; whence it is evident, that nothing can induce him to condescend to so low a Composition, but a Consideration of the Difficulties his Tenants are under to raise Sterling Money, and an Inclination to do every Thing in his Power for their Ease.

T. BLADEN.

*Somerset and Worcester* Counties are so intermix'd, that the Amount of each cannot be distinguished; but the whole comes to, by the Receivers Accounts, nett, after Deduction of Commissions,

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