

By the Committee appointed to enquire into the Truth of the Allegations set forth in the Petition of *Samuel Thomps* and *Stephen Glanwill*, of *Kent County*.

YOUR Committee have had produced to them a Copy of the last Will and Testament of *Henry Staples* deceased, bearing Date the 3d Day of *October*, 1686; which said Copy is signed and attested by *William Taylard*, then Register of the Commissary's Office: That the said *Henry* did, by his aforeiaid last Will and Testament, appoint his Wife *Anne* full and sole Executrix thereof: That to the same is annexed Letters Testamentary, granted to the said *Anne*, under the Hands and Seals of *Henry Darnall* and *Clement Hill*, Esquires, then Judges for Probate of Wills and granting of Administrations, bearing Date the 11th Day of *March*, 1686.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the House.

September 10, 1745.

Signed per Order, RICHARD DORSEY, Cl. Com.

Which being read, the House concurs therewith, and the Petition therein mentioned is granted.

Col. Plater, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Tryal of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise*, Indorted, "By the Upper House of Assembly, September 18, 1745, Read the Second Time, and will pass."

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

And the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, 18 September, 1745.

Gentlemen,

Although we have passed the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Tryal of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise*, without any Amendment; yet we must observe, that the Allowance intended by that Bill to the Justices of Assize is really too inconsiderable for the Trouble, Care, and Abilities, of Gentlemen who must, by this Bill, be intrusted with the Distribution of Justice, which concerns the Life, Liberty, and Property, of every individual Man in the Province: Therefore we recommend to your Consideration, that the Allowance in the Bill may be increased to ten thousand Pounds of Tobacco, or fifty Pounds Currency, each Assize; and if your House thinks proper to agree to this Alteration, it may be made in your House accordingly.

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

The said Bill being read, was passed for Ingrossing.

The House adjourns to 2 of the Clock,

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The House adjourns 'til Tomorrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Thursday Morning, September 19, 1745.

THE House met according to Adjournment, and the Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. Smith delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report, viz.

By the Committee appointed for the dividing of *Prince George's County*.

YOUR Committee, by due Inspection do find, that it will be convenient to the Inhabitants of *Prince George's County*, if only one Division be made, to have the Division of the said County begin at the Mouth of *Rock-Creek*, and from thence, running up the said Creek, to *Kennedy Farrell's Bridge*; and from thence by a freight Line to *Peter Murphy's Ford*; and all the Lands to the Northward and Westward now within the Bounds of *Prince George's County*, to be the County now to be erected. But if two Divisions be made, to have the first Division begin at the Mouth of the Eastern Branch of *Potomack River*, and running to the Head thereof; then by the Lines of *Prince George's* and *Queen Anne's* Parishes to *Patuxent River*, then up *Patuxent River* to *John Parr's Spring*, commonly called the uppermost Spring of *Patuxent River*, then with a freight Line to the Mouth of *Monock-fy*, then down *Potomack River* to the Mouth of the Eastern Branch; to be one of the Counties now to be erected: And that all the Lands to the Northward and Westward to be the other County.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the House.

Signed per Order, E. DORSEY, Cl. Com.

Which being read, a Question was put, Whether there shall be *Two Divisions*, or only *One Division* of the said County? *Resolved*, That there shall be but *One Division*.

For