

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill to continue an Act entitled, *An Act for Punishment of Horse-Stealers and other Offenders.*

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

THURSDAY Morning, May 21, 1747.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Philip Hammond, hath Leave of the House to go Home.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill be brought in for the Benefit of the Poor, and Encouragement of Industry; Leave is given: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. Lloyd, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Major Hall, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for Punishment of Horse Stealers, and other Offenders.*

A Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes, and other Slaves; and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders; and to an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meeting, and other Irregularities, of Negroes, and other Slaves; and directing the Manner of trying Slaves.*

A Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy.*

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, continuing an Act, to prevent the Injuring of Harbours within this Province; and for Repealing the Act therein mentioned.*

A Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent cutting up Tobacco Plants, destroying Tobacco, and Tobacco Houses, and for ascertaining the Punishment of Criminals guilty of the said Offences.*

And a Bill, entitled, *An Act, continuing an Act, entitled, a Supplementary Act, to an Act, entitled, An Act laying an Imposition on Negroes, and several sorts of Liquors imported, and also on Irish Servants, to prevent the Importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province; which Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourns 'til 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Answer, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,
I HAVE considered your Address, with the Report of your Committee, in Relation to Mr. Richard, and am of Opinion, that the Act of Assembly made in his Favour, however it might be intended, is expressed in such a Manner, as not sufficiently to enable him to hold any Office of Trust within the Province; I will therefore appoint another Sheriff for Baltimore County, in his Stead, and shall, on all Occasions, be very careful of the Rights and Privileges of his Lordship's Tenants.

S A M. O G L E.

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