

Capt. Tilghman delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act for dividing St. Paul's Parish, in Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties, and for erecting a new Parish thereout, by the Name of St. John's Parish;* which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On reading a second Time the Bill entituled, *An Act for making Convict Persons Evidence against other Persons Convict,* the Question was put, Whether the Clause relating to Convicts being Evidence one against the other, should stand or not? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

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| Messrs | { | Mills, | Worthington, | George, | Stoddert, |
| | | R. Gresham, | Mackall, | Hyland, | Gordon, |
| | | Harris, | Smallwood, | Bayard, | Dulany, |
| | | H. Hall, | Thomas, | Sheredine, | Tilghman, |
| | | Carroll, | Lloyd, | Buchanan, | Hopper, |
| | | P. Hammond, | Sulivane, | Paca, | |

For the NEGATIVE,

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| Messrs | { | Key, | Middleton, | N. Goldsborough, | Addison, |
| | | Bond, | King, | Hooper, | T Hammond, |
| | | Smith, | Daniel, | Lecompte, | Robins, |
| | | Brome, | Handy, | Pearce, | J Henry, |
| | | Harrison, | R. J. Henry, | Wootton, | Purnell. |
| | | Wilkinson, | | | |

On a further Progression into the said Bill, the Question was put, Whether the following Clause shall be inserted in the Bill, or not; *viz.* ' And whereas, an Act of Assembly heretofore passed within this Province, whereby it was expected that the Importation of so great a Number of convicted Persons might be prevented, by obliging the Master or Owners of all white Servants imported, after a certain Time therein limited, to pay all Fees that should arise on the Prosecution of such Servants; which hath not had the desired Effect, but has been the Cause of concealing many Felonies and Disorders of such convicted Servants: To avoid which great Evil for the future, and for the better Discovery of Felonies and other Disorders against the Peace and good Government of this Province, *Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That such Parts of the said Act entituled, *An Act directing the Payment of Fees arising due on the Prosecution of white Servants, which shall hereafter be imported into this Province, as*

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