

Monday Morning, *May 21, 1750.*

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as on Saturday, except Capt. *Handy*, Mr. *Baxter*, Mr. *John Goldsborough*, Capt. *Paca*, Capt. *Lux*, and Capt. *Crabb*.
Capt. *Addison* appears in the House.

On motion that a Supplementary Bill may be brought in, to the Act ascertaining the Height of Fences, to prevent the Evil occasioned by the Multitude of Horses, &c. Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion that a Supplementary Bill may be brought in, to the Act for Relief of Creditors in *England*, against Bankrupts who have imported any Goods into this Province not accounted for; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

The House adjourns 'til 2 o' Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances, &c.* An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act to prevent the ill Practices of Sheriffs, &c.* And an Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the Advancement of Justice*: Were severally read and assented to.

Mr. *Nicholas Goldsborough*, from the Committee of Grievances, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report; *viz.*

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, *May 21, 1750.*

IN Obedience to an Order of your Honourable House, dated the 10th Day of *May* Instant, your Committee have sent to the Clerks of the Council, Chancery, Provincial, Commissary's, Land, and County Clerks Offices, and to the Register of the Court of Admiralty, to know what Oath was taken by his Lordship's Council of State, Chancellor, Secretary of State, Commissary General, Deputy Commissary, Judge or Judges of the Land-Office, County Clerks, Sheriffs, and Judge of the Court of Admiralty, at the Time of their respective Qualifications in their several Offices; from whom your Committee received the Answers hereunto annexed, and numbered as underneath: To wit,

From the Clerk of the Council, Oath of a Counsellor, No. 1; from the Register in Chancery, Oath of a Chancellor, No. 2; from the Clerk of the Provincial Court, Oath of the Secretary of State, No. 3; from the Register of the Commissary's Office, the Oath of Commissary General, No. 4; from the same, the Oath of Deputy Commissary, No. 5; from the Clerk of the Land Office, the Oath of Judge of the Land Office, No. 6; from Mr. *John Brice*, Clerk of *Anne Arundel* County, the Oath of County Clerk, No. 7; from the same, the Oath of Sheriff, No. 8; from the Register of the Court of Admiralty, the Answer, No. 9.

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

Signed per Order, *William Wilkins*, Clerk.

Oath of a Counsellor. [No. 1.]

IA. B. as a Member of his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Council, within this Province, do swear, that I will be true and faithful unto his said Lordship, the true and absolute Proprietary or this Province of Maryland; and to his Heirs and Successors, and him and them, and his and their Rights, Royal Jurisdiction, and Seignior, and every of them, into and over the said Province, and Islands therein belonging, will at all Times, during my Continuance in the said Trust, as a Counsellor, defend and maintain, to the utmost of my Power; the Peace and Welfare of the People of this Province I will ever procure, as far as I can; I will aid and assist the Administration of Justice in all Things to my Power; to none will I delay or deny Right, for Fear, Favour, or Affection; I will, to my best Skill, and according to my Heart and Conscience, give good and faithful Counsel to the said Lord Proprietary, and his Heirs and Successors, and to his and their Lieutenant, or chief Governor of this Province, when thereunto I shall be called: I will keep secret all Matters committed or revealed to me as Secrets in Council, or which shall be there moved or debated, secretly and faithfully declare my Mind and Opinion therein, according to my Heart and Conscience: And if any of the said Treaties and Counsels shall touch any of the Privy Counsellors of this Province, I will not reveal the same unto him so touched or concerned, but will keep the same secret, until such Time as by the Consent of the Lord Proprietary or his Lieutenant, or chief Governor here, for the Time being, Proclamation may be made thereof. So help me God.

Copy. *J. Ross*, Cl. Con.