

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, May 18, 1750. [No. 9.]

IN Pursuance of an Order of the Honourable the House of Delegates, this Committee desire to know what Oath of Office is taken by the Judge of the Court of Admiralty, at the Time of his Qualification as such; that Report may be made accordingly. — Signed per Order, Wm. WILKINS, Clerk.

To Mr. Michael Macnemara, Register of the Court of Admiralty.

Gentlemen,

BY all the Entries in the Proceedings of the Court of Vice Admiralty, I can't find any other than a Certificate from the Governor, and Certificates from Provincial Magistrates, that the Judge appointed of the Vice Admiralty Court, had taken before them the several Oaths required by Law, and an Oath of Office, which doth not appear in the Certificates or Proceedings.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most humble Servant,

M. MACNEMARA.

To the Honourable Gentlemen of the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice. May 18, 1750.

On reading the said Report, the House concurs therewith.

On motion that a Bill may be brought in, to direct and prescribe the Form of an Oath to be taken by the several Officers of this Province, before they take upon themselves to act in any Office; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act for the Sale of certain Lands and Houses, belonging to the Free School in the City of Annapolis, called King William's School*; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, May 21, 1750: Read the first and second Time by especial Order, and will pass.

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

Which Bill was read here the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On motion that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Will of Col. *Thomas Smithson*, deceased, and report to the House what Estate he bequeathed by his Will to the Rector, Visitors, &c. of the Free School, in those Lands; and also what Estate the said Rector, &c. have in the Lots lying in the City of *Annapolis*, mentioned in the Bill sent down from the Upper House: *Ordered*, That Mr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Bordley*, and Mr. *Murdock*, be a Committee for that Purpose; and that they make Report accordingly.

On motion that a Bill be brought in, to preserve the Honour and Independency of the House of Delegates; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Richard Lloyd* and Capt. *Lee* go and acquaint his Excellency the Governor, that this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Message, and that his Excellency was pleased to signify to them, that he was ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. *Murdock*, and three more, do present the Address.

Mr. *Nicholas Goldsborough* delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act to preserve the Honour and Independency of the House of Delegates*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act to settle the Divisions between Frederick and Baltimore Counties; and also between Dorchester and Worcester Counties*: And a Bill entituled, *An Act to license Hawkers, Pedlars, and petty Chapmen*: Which Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns 'til Tomorrow Morning at 9 o' Clock.

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