

cessity enter into a Quarrel with them, at the Risque of my own Life, and Family's also; which may cost the Government more than allowing them 30 or 40l. per Year, or perhaps less, for three or four Years to come; and it may in that Time be over. I shall Tomorrow Morning set out to finish the Meridian Line; but hope to see your Excellency the Beginning of next Month. I am, in all Respects,

Your Excellency's most humble Servant,

THOMAS CRESAP.

March 17, 1749||50.

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

Wednesday Morning, May 23, 1750.

THE House met according to Adjournment; the Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Baker.

Mr. Crabb appeared in the House.

The Petition of the Rector and Vestrymen of *Great Choptank* Parish, in *Dorchester* County, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the Vestrymen, or the major Part of them, and their Successors, to lease that Part of the Church Land which is not impaled; Leave is given.

Col. Colwill delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act for the Relief of Philip Cazar, a languishing Prisoner in Cæcil County Goal*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Robert Lloyd, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker an Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act to remedy some Evils relating to Servants*; which was read and assented to.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message; *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I Think proper to lay before you a Letter from Mr. Attorney-General; by which you will find, several Bonds have been put in Suit, agreeable to the Desires of the House of Delegates in former Assemblies; and you will perceive how the several Matters mentioned in that Letter are circumstanced: And I am sorry to observe the Deficiency that accrues to the Public, by unforeseen and unavoidable Accidents, in the Money received by several Sheriffs.

S A M. O G L E.

May it please your Excellency,

Several Sheriffs, and one or two other Officers, had omitted to make Payments of some Money, which they had received for, and owed to the Public: Whereupon, the Lower House of Assembly, in the Year 1746, addressed Mr. Bladen, then Governor, to give Orders to the Attorney-General to put in Suit the several Sheriffs Bonds; unless, by a certain Day therein limited, they made Payments of their respective Ballances, due from them to the Public. Upon which Address, the Governor was pleased to give me Orders to sue the said Sheriffs Bonds; and the following Bonds were put in Suit, soon after the limited Time had elapsed; *viz.*

Edward Tripp, late Sheriff of *Dorchester* County, his Bonds, dated July 13, 1740; August 13, 1741; October 9, 1742.

Richard Porter, of *Talbot*, his Bonds, dated November 3, 1742; November 3, 1743.

Benjamin Bradford, of *Cæcil*, his Bonds, dated November 11, 1740; November 13, 1741.

And in October Term, in the Year 1747, by Orders I received from your Excellency and Council, I put in Suit the other following Bonds; *viz.*

John Parran, late Sheriff of *Calvert* County, his Bond, dated September 29, 1740.

Walter Hanon, of *Charles* County, his Bond, dated July 7, 1740. [This has been since paid.]

James Rigby, of *Baltimore*, his Bond, dated November 6, 1742.

John Rilleau, of *Baltimore*, his Bond, dated November 6, 1744.

John Thompson's, of *Cæcil*, dated November 16, 1744. [This has been since paid.]

James Martin's, of *Worcester*, dated December 14, 1741; December 12, 1743. [These have been since paid.]

I take the Liberty further to inform your Excellency, that at the same Court, by Order of your Excellency, upon the Address of the Lower House of Assembly, Robert Ungle's Treasurer's Bond was put in Suit, which bore Date July 3, 1714: And in April Term, 1748, by Order of your Excellency and Council, Philip Lee's Naval Officer's Bond, dated August 7, 1733, was also sued; but how properly that may be called a Naval Officer's Bond, which seems to be taken as a private Bond, payable to you, and for your own private Security, it being conditioned to save you harmless, and keep you indemnified from any Damages which you might sustain, by reason of any Slip or ill Conduct of the said Lee, in the Execution of his Office; and this is the only Bond I can find, that he ever passed in that Office; and as your Excellency has sustained no Damage, I believe it will be impossible for any other Person, or the Public, to recover any Thing on that Bond. However, that Suit is now abated by the Death of both his Executors; and if I am ordered to sue again for that Money, I must proceed differently.

Thus,