

Act to prohibit the raising of Swine in the Town of Bladensburg, &c. Were severally read the second Time and passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Stoddert and Capt, Travers.

Col. Hooper, from the Committee of Grievances, delivers to Mr Speaker the following Report; viz.

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, May 22, 1751.

Y Our Committee conceive it their Duty to represent to your Honourable House, that the Growth of Popery within this Province may (if not timely check'd by some additional Laws, or putting in Execution the Laws now in Being) become dangerous to his Majesty's Dominion and his Lordship's Government, as it now is manifestly prejudicial to the Protestant-Interest, and a growing Grievance. That the Papists within this Province, contrary to known Laws, send their Children to foreign Popish Seminaries, there to be bred and trained up in the Popish Religion, out of the King's Obedience, and where they imbibe Principles destructive of our Religious and Civil Rights; many of which return Priests or Jesuits, and here live together in Societies, propagating with great Industry their Doctrine. That such, and other Seminary Priests, or Jesuits, so living together in Houses of their own, with public Mass-Houses; some taking upon them to teach Youth, purchase many Tracts of Land and Plantations, which they pretendely hold in their own Right, extending such their Settlements to the back Parts of this Province. That as Numbers of *German, French,* and other foreigners, come into and settle the back and remote Parts, among which are divers Papists and Jesuits, or Priests of their own Nations, will, if not timely prevent d, all together become a dangerous intestine Enemy, ready to join *French or Indians*, who are but too near, and surrounding the *British* Settlements on this Continent; and whose Incurfions into our neighbouring Provinces, with the Devastations and Cruelties, by them committed in the late War, is but too recent an Example of what may be apprehended.

The fatal Consequences to all his Majesty's loyal Subjects of *Maryland*, which must attend this spreading Evil, are too many for us to enumerate: Therefore we humbly submit them to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, *Wm. Wilkins*, Clerk.

Was read and referred for Consideration on Tuesday the 28th Instant.

Ordered, That Mr. Key and Capt. Crabb do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address, and desire to know when and where he will please to receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified that he was ready to receive the Address immediately.

Ordered, That Col. R. J. Henry, with five more, do present the Address.

On motion that a Bill be brought in for the Preservation of Sheep; Leave is given: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On motion that a Supplementary Bill to the Act for quieting Possessions enrolling Conveyances, and securing the Estates of Purchasers, be brought, in; Leave is given: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of the Rector, Vestry, Churchwardens, &c. of *Port-Tobacco* Parish in *Charles County*, was read and granted.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

On motion that a Supplementary Bill be brought in to the Act entituled, *An Act declaring Female Mulattoes, born of White Women, and of Free Negroes, to be Taxables*; Leave given; Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Edmund Fenings, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act to prevent more effectually the Sale and Exportation of trashy and unmerchantable Tobacco, &c.* Indorted, " By the Up-
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