

Thursday Morning, *May 30, 1751.*

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as yesterday. The Proceedings were read.

Mr. *J. Mackall* appeared in the House.

Dr. *Carroll*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act to establish the Special Court Records of Anne Arundel County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Col. *Hammond*, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act to make the Testimony of Convicted Persons legal against Convicted Persons*; Indorted, "By the Upper House of Assembly, *May 30, 1751.* Read the second Time, and will pass."

Which Bill was read here, and passed for Ingrossing.

Mr. *Lloyd*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and other Slaves, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders; and a Supplementary Act to an Act entituled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meeting, and other Irregularities, of Negroes and other Slaves, and directing the Manner of trying Slaves*: Which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Col. *Henry*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act 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*; Which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.*

### *Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

Col. *Colvill* delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report; *viz.*

At a Committee of both Houses of Assembly, appointed to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting the Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly of the Province aforesaid, *May 18, 1751*;

#### WERE PRESENT

The Honourable *RICHARD LEE*, Esq; of the Upper House;

Col. *THOMAS COLVILL*,

Major *ABRAHAM BARNES*,

Capt. *ZACHARIAH BOND*,

Col. *JOHN HENRY*,

Mr. *JAMES BAXTER*,

} Of the Lower House;

Who make Choice of *Richard Lee*, Esq; Chairman; and *Richard Dorsey* their Clerk; and agree to make the following Report:

**Y**our Committee having inspected the Lists of Ordinary Licenses, returned by several Clerks in Pursuance of the Order of the last Sessions, do find, some of them Imperfect by placing them to Sheriffs that had not the Collection thereof, and considerable Alterations between the Lists returned in Pursuance of the Order aforesaid, and those formerly returned, which your Committee apprehend was occasion'd by the said Clerks not being enjoyned by the said Order, to return the Fines arising on Breaches of Law, by which Means it is not practicable for your Committee at this Time to render the Sheriffs Accounts perfect, as they ought to be, with relation to the Money by them received for Ordinary Licenses and Fines.

Therefore your Committee think it expedient, that the several and respective Clerks be required to make out fair and exact Accounts of all the Ordinary Licenses granted by the respective Courts, beginning at the Year 1740, mentioning the several Courts, when granted, the Sums of Money paid, and who were Sheriffs at the Time of granting the said Licenses, together with an Account of the Fines and Forfeitures.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of both Houses of Assembly, this 30th Day of *May 1751*;

*RICHARD LEE,*  
*THO. COLVILL,*  
*A. BARNES.*  
*ZACH. BOND,*  
*JOHN HENRY,*  
*JAMES BAXTER.*