

*Resolved likewise*, That it hath been, and is the indispensable Duty of every Sheriff, or other Returning Officer, or Officers, within this Province, to take and subscribe the Oath, directed to be taken in the said Statute, inserting the Word *Assembly* for *Parliament*, before he, or they, proceed to such Election; and that the Clerk of every Court, where the Election is made, record such Oath.

*Resolved likewise*, That it is the Duty of every Sheriff, or Returning Officer, or Officers, within this Province, to read the same, in an audible, clear, and distinct Manner, immediately after taking the Oath aforesaid, or cause the same to be read openly to the Electors, and before he, or they, proceed to take any Vote, or admit any to Poll, at such Election.

*The House adjourns till the morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.*

Friday Morning, October 19, 1753.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c. all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. *Buchanan*.

Mr. *Edmonson* appeared in the House.

*Samuel Chamberlaine*, Esq; from the Upper House delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of *Thomas Barkley*, a languishing Prisoner, in *Kent County* Goal; a Petition of *John Radford*, and sundry the Justices of *Frederick County*; the Petition of *William Husbands*, senr. of *Cæcil County*, and others; and the Petition of the Inhabitants living between the North and South Branches of *Gunpowder River*; which Petitions were severally indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, read, and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

*Richard Lee*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, intituled, *An Act continuing an Act intituled, An Act to prevent the ill Practices of Sheriffs in the Collecting and Payment of the Public and County Levies*; the Bill, intituled, *An Act continuing an Act intituled, An Act for the Gauge of Barrels for Pork, Beef, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, and Tare of Barrels, for Flour, or Bread*; the Bill, intituled, *An Act continuing an Act intituled, An Act to remedy some Evils relating to Servants*; and the Bill, intituled, *An Act continuing an Act intituled, A Supplementary Act to the Act intituled, An Act ascertaining the Height of Fences, &c.* severally indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 18th of October, 1753. read the second Time, and will pass.

Which Bills were severally read here, and passed for ingrossing.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for reducing the Allowances of the Members*

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