

Tuesday Morning, October 23, 1753.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c. all the Members appeared as Yesterday, except Capt. *Hopper*, and Mr. *Earle*.

On reading the Petition of *William Wells*, and *Rebecca* his Wife,

Ordered, That Major *Hall*, Capt. *Gassaway* and Mr. *Stoddert*, be a Committee to enquire into the Allegations and Facts contained in the said Petition, and report the same to the House.

The Petition of *Thomas Barkley*, a languishing Prisoner in *Kent County* Goal, was read and granted according to prayer.

Capt. *Henry Travers* and Mr. *Joseph Cox Gray*, two Members returned to serve in the present Assembly for *Dorchester County*, appeared in the House.

Ordered, That Col. *Hooper* and Mr. *Charles Goldborough*, do go with them to the Upper House to see them qualified: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they saw them take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribe the Oath of Abjuration, repeat and sign the Test.

The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this House will not proceed on any new Business after next Wednesday Se'nnight, being the 31st Instant.

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts do not receive any Accounts for the public Claims after next Monday, being the 29th Instant.

Doctor *Carroll*, from the Committee appointed by the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly, to enquire of the several Officers, their Deputies, Registers or Clerks, the Amount of the Fees that have accrued due to them in their several Offices for Seven or Eight Years last past, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report, *viz.*

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YOUR Committee, in Obedience to the Order of your Honourable House, sent to the Provincial, Land, Commissary's, and Chancery Offices, for the Amount of the Fees, in the said respective Offices, for the Year 1745, to the Year 1752, distinctly, and have received, from the several Clerks, the Accounts hereunto annexed.

Your Committee humbly observe, That the Amount of the Fees in the said Offices, for the Year 1745: 46 and 47, except the Year 1745 in the Land Office, the Account of which could not be found, amounted to 1,800,624 Pounds of Tobacco; and that under the Inspection Law, the Amount of the Fees in the said Offices, for the Years 1750, 51, 52, is 1,756,587 Pounds of Tobacco; which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, WILLIAM WILKINS, Cl. Com.

IN Pursuance of, and Obedience to, an Order of the Honourable the Committee, appointed by the Lower House of Assembly, to enquire of the several Officers the Amount of the Fees that have accrued due in their several Offices for Seven or Eight Years last; I hereby humbly certify, that the Amount of the Fees from the Year 1745, to the Year 1752 included, are as follows, *viz.*

		Pounds of Tobacco.			Rounds of Tobacco.
For the Year	1745	170473 2 4ths	For the Year	1749	127392
	1746	170413 2 4ths		1750	118026 4 5ths
	1747	211705 2 4ths		1751	142007 1 5th
	1748	150719 2 4ths		1752	111326 1 5th

That have accrued due in the Secretary's Office, and Provincial Court.

Test. RICHARD BURDUS, Clerk.