

Wednesday Morning, October 24, 1753.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. J. Mackall, Mr. Smallwood, Capt. Hopper, Mr. Earle, and Major Ridgely, appeared in the House.

The Bill intituled, *An Act to prevent Persons from secreting Flats, Boats, &c.* was read the second Time, and passed: Which Bill, with the Bill intituled, *An Act to prevent Masters of Ships and Vessels from clandestinely carrying Servants, &c. out of this Province*; and the Bill intituled, *An Act for repairing the Public Roads in this Province*; were sent to the Upper House by Capt. Williamson and Mr. Rafin.

Col. Tasker from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill intituled, *An Act to oblige Garnishees to discover Goods and Effects attached in their Hands, &c.* indorsed "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 24, 1753. Read the second Time, and will not pass."

Philip Thomas, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill intituled, *An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province*; indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 24, 1753. Read the second Time, and will not pass."

Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill intituled, *An Act continuing an Act intituled, An Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province, from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law, &c.* indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 24, 1753. Read the second Time, and will pass, with the following Amendments; instead of the Words, *are hereby made perpetual, and shall have Continuance for ever*, put, *to continue for Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.*

"Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

On reading and considering the Report from the Committee of Grievances, relating to Thomas Muir, Esq; the Question was put, Whether Distress can be legally made for any Sum of Money, claimed as Arrears of Rent due before the issuing the Patent, at any Time after the Date of the said Patent, or Not? Resolved in the Negative.

Upon hearing Mr. Thomas Muir, on the Report of the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, on the Complaint of Roger Hooper, Resolved, That the said Thomas Muir did illegally and oppressively distrain upon the said Roger Hooper for a much greater Sum of Money for Quit-Rents than was really due to the Lord Proprietary, and took and received

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