

of the Act for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees, would have induced him to signify his immediate Dissent to that Act, had not a Sense of the great Utility of that Part of the Act which relates to the Staple of Tobacco, his Lordship's affectionate Regard for his Tenants, and a firm Persuasion that you will not hesitate to prepare a Bill, to repeal the Parts objected to, inclined him to suffer the Act to continue till his Pleasure thereon could be made known to you, that you may have an Opportunity to agree with the Gentlemen of the other House, on such Repealing Act as his Lordship expects and desires. The exceptionable Clauses are those that relate to the Regulating and Limiting Officers Fees, and the Rates of English and Foreign Coins. Such an Act as his Lordship mentions, I most earnestly recommend to you, hoping you will proceed thereon, in a Manner that will give entire Satisfaction.

The Lord Proprietary has been also pleased to signify to me, that many weighty and most important Reasons have induced him to dissent to the Act, entituled, *An Act to impower the several Courts within this Province, to send Commissioners for the Examination of Witnesses residing beyond Sea, and for the more easy Foreclosure of Mortgages*, that was enacted at the same Session; but his Lordship has been pleased to intimate, that he does not conceive the Three Clauses of this Act, which respect the more easy Foreclosure of Mortgages, to be liable to any Objections, and that it is not on Account of that Part, that his Lordship has dissented to that Act: His Lordship has also been prevailed on, by cogent Reasons, to send his Dissent to one other Act of Assembly, passed at the same Time, entituled, *An Act to Repeal an Act entituled, An Act for the Confirmation of the Land Tenure mentioned, to Richard Bennet, Esquire*. These Particulars, Gentlemen, I acquaint you with, in Obedience to his Lordship's Requisition; and, also, take this Occasion of informing you, that the Petition which the late House of Delegates, in their Address to him, desired the Lord Proprietary to present to the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, has been presented agreeable to his Lordship's Promise, in his Answer to that Address, and his Lordship desires you will believe, and be assured, that he will pursue all Measures to obtain the Liberty and Permission applied for, and requested, by the said Petition.

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Which was Read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Edward Tilghman*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entituled, *An Act for preventing the Importation of French and German Papists into this Province*; which was Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Wednesday, March 5, 1755.

TH E House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. *Lloyd*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entituled, *An additional Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees*; which was Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

His Excellency the Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

AS I have just received a Letter, by Express, from Sir *John St. Clair*, acquainting me that he has many Things in command from General *Brooklock*, to communicate to me at *Alexandria*, which requires my immediate