

Col. *Tilghman*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the Relief of such Persons as cannot find Surety for their Appearance, to testify as a Witness against any Person arrested, accused, or prosecuted, for any Criminal Matter*; a Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for ascertaining the Allowance of Petit-Jurors attending the Provincial Court, to Limit Costs with respect to Witnesses, and for settling their Allowance as to itinerant Charges*; a Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the more effectual destroying Squirrels and Crows in the Counties of Kent, Queen-Anne's, and Talbot, and for destroying red Foxes in the said Counties*; a Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for destroying Squirrels and Crows in the several Counties therein mentioned*; And, a Bill entituled, *An Act to prevent disabled and superannuated Slaves being set free, or the Manumission of Slaves, by any last Will or Testament*; which Bills were severally read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass, and were sent to the Upper House, by Col. *Fitzbugh* and Mr. *Casson*.

A Motion, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For the Support of an Agent to manage Affairs of this Province, in Great-Britain*, was granted:

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Philip Hammond, Esq; from the Committee for enquiring into Ways and Means, &c. brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, *viz.*

By the Committee appointed by the House of Delegates, for enquiring into Ways and Means to raise a Sum sufficient for Payment of Eighty Rangers, to protect and defend the Frontiers, and for defraying the Expence of conveying Intelligence from *Wills's-Creek* to *Annapolis*, and back thither.

YOUR Committee propose, That the Sum of 1500 *l.* Part of the 4015 *l.* 6 *s.* Bills of Credit now remaining signed in the Paper Currency Office, and not yet circulated, be immediately issued and made current.

And that for the sinking the said 1500 <i>l.</i> the following Duties be laid, <i>viz.</i>	
Duty of 1½ <i>d.</i> per Gallon, on all Rum imported in Country Bottoms,	£. 300
Additional Duty on all Wine, of 2 <i>d.</i> per Gallon, to be imported, other than immediately from <i>Great-Britain</i> ,	} 100
Additional Duty on Convicts, of 5 <i>s.</i> each,	} 125
	Which is per Annum, £. 525

All which is humbly submitted to your Honourable House.

Per Order, Thomas Johnson, junr. Cl. Com.

Which was read, and the House concurs therewith.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House adjourns till the morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock.