

prevent disabled and superannuated Slaves, being set free, &c. Severally indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, July 2, 1755. Read the second Time, and will pass.

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

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

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

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

THE Letter, and Copy of an Act of Assembly herewith sent, I have received from Governor Shirley; I lay them before you, that you also may provide against the Evil which the Act of the Massachusetts-Bay Government is calculated to remedy.

H O R ° S H A R P E.

On reading his Excellency's Message, Resolved, that an Address be prepared to his Excellency thereon: Ordered, that the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in such Address.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

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

The Bill entituled, *An Act to empower Anne Chambers, Widow, to sell and dispose of certain Lands, which Samuel Chambers, late of Anne-Arundel County, died possessed of, in Fee Simple, for Payment of his Debts,* was read the second Time and will pass, and was sent to the Upper House, by Major Hall and Capt. Gassarway.

Mr. Charles Goldsborough, from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill entituled, *An Act for securing the Western Frontier of this Province, against the Depredations of the French, and their Indian Allies; and also for paying and maintaining Couriers from Wills's-Creek to Annapolis, and back to Wills's-Creek;* which was read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass, and was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Murdock and Mr. Reynolds.

On Motion, Resolved unanimously, that this House address his Excellency the Governor, to issue his Proclamation, commanding all Magistrates and other Officers, duly to execute the Penal Statutes, mentioned in the Statute of First of William and Mary, Chap. the 18th, against the Roman Catholics or Papists, within this Province.

Ordered, That Dr. Carroll, Capt. Stoddert, Mr. J. Goldsborough, Mr. Murdock, Col. Fitzbugh, and Mr. C. Goldsborough, be a Committee to draw such Address, and that they do prepare and bring in the same accordingly.

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