The House proceeded to tax the Bill entituled, An Ast to impower. Anne Chambers, Widow, to sell and dispose of certain Lands, which Samuel Chambers, late of Anne-Arundel County, died possessed of, in Fee Simple, &c.

To the Honourable Speaker, £. 3 00 00 To the Clerk, 1 10 00

And, the Bill encituled, An Ast to impower John Griness Howard, of Baltimore County, Planter, to dock the Entail of 249 Acres of Land, &c.

To the Honourable Speaker, £. 4 00 00 To the Clerk, 2 00 00

Dr. Carroll, from the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, viz.

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, July 7, 1755.

YOUR Committee, upon inspecting a Commission to the Honourable Caecilius Calvert, Esq; to be Secretary of this Province, recorded in the Provincial Office, which Commission is hereto annexed, do find, that there is a Clause therein, giving to the said Caecilius Calvert, Esq; a Power of taking to himself the Advantage of granting Ordinary-Licences, which your Committee conceive to be creating a Monopoly, and is contrary to the Rights and Privileges of the good People of this Province, and the Common and Statute Law. All which is submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, William Wilkins, Clerk.

On reading the said Report, the House concurs therewith.

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

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

a Bill which you lately fent up to them, entituled, An Act for fecuring the Western Frontiers of this Province, against the Depredations of the French and their Indian Allies, and also for paring and maintaining Couriers, by Reason they judged the Allowance of Money, and Time therein mentioned, would not sufficiently answer the Purposes for which they conceived it was designed; I must intreat you to lose no Time, but as you regard the Lives of your Fellow-Subjects and Constituents, who remain exposed to the repeated Cruekies and Devastations of barbarous Savages, for Want of our taking some Measures for their Protection, that you will, without Delay, reconsider that Bill; and, if you think proper, amend it in such a Manner, that it may better answer the End for which it was calculated and intended.

HOR°. SHARPE.

On reading and confidering his Excellency's Message of this Day, the Question was put, Whether this House will, in Consequence of his Excellency's Message of this Day, reconsider the Bill entituled, An Ast 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; sent up to the Upper House, and from that House sent down hither with a Negative, inforced by this House, and again sent down by the Upper House with a Negative, or Not? Resolved in the Negative.

On Motion, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To raise a Sum of Money for securing the Western Frontier of this Province, against the

French, and their Indian Allies, and paying Couriers;

June Session, 1755.

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