

TUESDAY MORNING, October 5, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment: All the Members appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Waggaman.

Col. Henry brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Somerset County to levy not exceeding 20,000 lbs. of Tobacco upon the taxable Inhabitants of said County, to be applied to the Purpose therein directed*; which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.

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

On Reading the second Time the Bill entituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service, and further Defence and Security of this Province*, the Question was put, Whether there shall be a Clause inserted therein for Disarming the Roman Catholics in this Province, or Not? Resolved in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE,

Messieurs	{	J. Reeder,	Jenifer,	Travers,	W. Dulany,	Evans,
		Hynson,	J. Handy,	Hyland,	Casson,	B. Handy,
		Wallis,	Dennis,	Ward,	Scarborough,	Beall.
		Smallwood,	Gray,	D. Dulany,	Henry,	

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Messieurs	{	T. Reeder,	J. J. Mackall,	Edmondson,	Murdock,	Bracco,
		Gassaway,	Jordan,	Govane,	Frazer,	Crabb,
		Carroll,	J. Goldsborough,	Smith,	Hawkins,	Sprigg.
		Worthington,	M. Tilghman,	Addison,		

The Bill entituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service, and further Defence and Security of this Province*, was Read the second Time, and will pass; and was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Matthew Tilghman and Mr. Carroll.

On Motion of a Member, the following Act, entituled, *An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province, for the Time being*, was Ordered to be Read, and Entered on the Journal of the Proceedings of this House in the following Words, viz.

An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province, for the Time being.

WHEREAS by an Act of Assembly, formerly made, entituled, *An Act for providing a Support for the Lord Proprietary of this Province, and likewise a Supply for defraying the Public Charge of the Government*, it was, by the said Act, published and declared, that from and after the First Day of September then next ensuing, there should be raised, levied, collected, and paid, to the said Lord Proprietary, the Sum of Two Shillings Sterling for every Hoghead, or Quantity of a Hoghead of Tobacco, which should be at any Time thereafter shipped in any Ship or Vessel, to be exported out of this Province, on Condition that his said Lordship should receive his Rents and Fines for Alienation of Lands, in good, sound, merchantable Tobacco, when tendered, at the Rate of Two-pence per Pound for one Moiety of the said Imposition; the other Moiety, by the said Act raised, to be employed towards maintaining a constant Magazine, and defraying other public and necessary Charges of the Government.

And whereas former Assemblies, upon strict Enquiry made into the Premises, did find his said Lordship had not only been very deficient, and at small Charge and Expence in maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid, but that this Province hath been obliged to defray all public Charges, arising for the Support of Government, by Way of an equal Assessment upon the Inhabitants thereof; the several Provisoes in the afore-recited Act, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And whereas also his said Lordship the afore-said Moiety of Two Shillings per Hoghead, under Pretext of maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid (until the Time of their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary taking this Province under their immediate Protection), did convert to his own Use, to the Impoverishing of the Country, and Defraud of the Public; and being incapacitated of complying with what by the said Act, for the said Moiety of Two Shillings per Hoghead, is required:

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the said One Shilling