

William Goldsborough, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of *Thomas Bacon*, Clerk, Rector of *St. Peter's* Parish in *Talbot County*; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 3d April, 1758. Read and Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly;" which Petition was Read here, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

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

Mr. Reeder, Mr. Rafin, Major Hyland, and Mr. John Hammond Dorsey, appeared in the House.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.

T U E S D A Y, *April 4, 1758.*

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except *Philip Hammond, Esq;*

On Motion, Leave given, to bring in a Bill to secure the Estates of Aliens, and those that claim by, from, or under them:

Ordered, That *Mr. Edward Dorsey* and *Mr. Wilson* do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion, Leave given, to bring in a Bill relating to Orphans and Guardians:

Ordered, That *Mr. Matthew Tilghman, Col. Tilghman, and Mr. Carroll,* do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion, Leave given, to bring in a Bill to enable the Justices of *Cæcil County* to appropriate the remaining Part of the Sum of 500 l. delivered out of the Paper Office, for Building a Prison in the said County, and to replace the Sum of *now in the Hands of Sabina Rigby, Executrix of William Rumsey,* into the Paper Currency Office:

Ordered, That *Mr. Baker, Col. Tilghman, and Mr. Williamson,* do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

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

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

IN a Message which I sent to the Lower House of Assembly the 25th of September, 1756, I told them (as will appear from the Journal of their Proceedings) that, to prevent the Settlements of *Conococheague* being broke up, I had ordered thither Detachments from the Militia of *Prince-George's* and *Baltimore Counties*: It appears likewise from the same Journal, that on the 28th of that Month, the House Resolved that a Sum of Money should be applied to pay for the Provisions which the Companies of Militia, sent from *Prince-George's* and *Baltimore Counties* to range on the Western Frontier, might be supplied with during the Time that they should continue on Duty: And that it was also Resolved in the House the next Morning, that One Hundred Men, including Officers, should be raised and added to the Two Hundred Men that were already raised and in Garrison at *Fort Frederick*. In the Afternoon was communicated to them the following Message:

"GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

"You will be pleased to observe, that the Time which the Detachments from the Militia of *Prince-George's* and *Baltimore Counties* were ordered to remain on the Frontiers, is almost expired: I think it would be highly proper to order some others to march and relieve them; but shall not give such Orders without your Advice. As it must be more agreeable to these Detachments to be Victualled in the same Manner that the Troops at *Fort Frederick* are, and as the impressing Provisions from the Frontier Inhabitants at this Time might greatly distress them, I hope you approve of the Directions I gave *Mr. Ross*, and that you will make Provision for his being immediately paid."

Whereupon the House (as the same Journal will shew) presented to me the following Address:

"May it please your EXCELLENCY,

"In Answer to your Message of the 29th Instant, we return your Excellency our Thanks for the Attention and Regard you have shewn to the Protection and Defence of this Province, in ordering out Detachments from the Militia of *Prince-George's* and *Baltimore Counties*, and shall make Provision to pay *Mr. Ross* for Victualling these Detachments, according to your Excellency's Directions to him, as we are sensible that the impressing Provisions from the Frontier Inhabitants at this Time might greatly Distress them: And we think, with your Excellency, that it would be highly proper to order another Detachment of the Militia of One Hundred Men to march and relieve those already on our Frontier, there to remain for the Term of one Month, and desire that you will be pleased to give Orders for that Purpose."

Agreeable