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Upon Consideration of which Proposals, and the whole Matter referred to them by the Honourable House, your Committee humbly Report it as their Opinion, that the Publication of a Body of Laws of this Province, in the Manner proposed by the Petitioner, would be of great and general Utility.

That three Gentlemen be nominated and appointed by Law (of whom any two, with the Assistance of the Petitioner, and all his Abstracts and Papers relative to the Matter, to act), to inspect carefully all the Records of the Laws of this Province, and to consider what are in Force, or proper to be inserted, or any Way to be taken Notice of in the said Body.

That the Petitioner's Proposals to deliver 18 Copies of the said Body, for 300 l. Currency, is, in the Opinion of your Committee, reasonable, provided they be delivered within 18 Months from the Time the Original may receive the Approbation of the Gentlemen to be nominated as aforesaid.

That the Price to Subscribers wou'd be better ascertained when the Work is compleated, as the Number of Sheets it may contain can at present be only guessed at.

Your Committee humbly crave Leave further to Report it as their Opinion, That there be a Clause in any Bill which the Honourable House may think proper to have fram'd, for the carrying on and compleating the aforesaid Design, declaring, that all Laws heretofore made, and more especially such, the Force or Existence whereof have been any Ways questioned or disputed, shall remain, continue, and be in the same State and Condition, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever, as if the said Body had not been collected, compiled and published; and that no Law whatever, or any Part thereof, shall be repealed, abrogated, or made null or void, or receive any additional Force or Strength, thereby.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed *per Order*, BASIL DORSEY, junr. Clerk said Committee.

Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petitions of Languishing Prisoners in the several County Goals in this Province; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

Which Petitions were here Read, and Granted.

Col. Tasker, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Security of Purchasers and Others, claiming by or from Protestant Aliens*; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 20th December, 1758. Read the second Time, and will not Pass; And,

The Bill, entituled, *An Act for the keeping a Public Warehous for Inspecting Tobacco at the Land of Ease on South River*; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 20th December, 1758. Read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and will Pass.

"Signed *per Order*, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bill was Read here, and passed for Ingressing.

On Motion. Leave given, to bring in a Bill *for the Relief of sundry languishing Prisoners in several County Goals in this Province*;

Ordered, That Col. Tiighman, and Mr. Edward Dorsey, do prepare and bring in the same.

Upon Progression in Hearing the Petition of Mr. Henry Woodward, the Petitioner having disqualified the Votes of Col. Benjamin Tasker, Walter Batt, Henry Weedon, Robert Martin, Richard Ford, Lawrence Maynard, James Heath, and of John Laidler, on the Sitting Member's Poll, and the Sitting Member having added one Vote to his Poll, and the Polls being even: The Council, for both the Petitioner and the Sitting Member, informed the House, that both Parties declined giving the House any further Trouble in this Controversy, and were willing and desirous that the late Election of Citizens for the City of Annapolis, so far as it concerns them, should be declared Void.

Upon Consideration whereof, it is *Unanimously Resolved*, That the said Election, so far as the same concerns the Petitioner and the Sitting Member abovementioned, be and is declared Void.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Deputy Secretary of this Province, to make out a new Writ of Election, directed to the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, of the City of Annapolis, to Elect a Delegate to serve in the General Assembly of this Province now Sitting, in the Room of Doctor George Steuart, who is dismissed from any further Attendance on this House.

*The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.*