

On Motion, Leave given, to bring in a Bill for applying £. 1500, Part of the Money appropriated for Indian Scalps;

Ordered, That Col. Fitzbugh, Mr. Murdock, Mr. Govane, Mr. Key, and Mr. Thomas Harris, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. Dulany hath Leave to be absent To-morrow Morning.

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

F R I D A Y, December 22, 1758.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Gibbon. The Proceedings were Read.

An ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act for destroying of Crows and Squirrels in particular Counties;*

An ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act for the keeping a Public Warehous for Inspecting Tobacco at the Land of Ease on South River;* And,

An ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act for selling the Land whereon the Free-School in Saint Mary's County stood, and for Re-building the said School-House;*

Were severally Read and Assented to.

Mr. Hanson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entituled, *An Act to impower the Justices of Charles County, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Port-Tobacco Parish in said County, a Sum not exceeding Two Pounds of Tobacco per Poll annually, for the Support of an Organist in said Parish;* which was Read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and will Pass; which said Bill was sent, with the Two Ingrossed Bills, and the Paper Bills thereof, to the Upper House, by Mr. Hanson and Mr. Dent.

Mr. John Hammond Dorsey brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, viz.

*By the Committee appointed by the Honourable Lower House of Assembly, to Enquire into the Facts and Allegations contained in the Petition of John Paca, Robert Adair, and Margaret Paca, Executors of John Paca, junior, deceased.*

YOUR Committee, Pursuant to the Appointment and Order of your Honourable House, have fully enquired into the several Facts and Allegations contained in the said Petition, and find, from original Papers, Records, proved Accounts, and the Information of a Member of your Honourable House, that the said Facts and Allegations are true, except that *Thomas*, one of the Children of *William Hammond* in the said Petition mentioned, is dead: And that it does not appear to them, that the mortgaged Premises, before the said Infant's Age, will not be worth the Money due on the said Mortgage, and the growing Interest; though it does appear to your Committee, that the mortgaged Premises will never pay the Principal and Interest that is and will be due on the Mortgage and Bond in the said Petition mentioned.

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

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

Which was Read a first and second Time, and Referred for Consideration at the next Session of Assembly.

Ordered, That the Petitioners give Notice to all Parties, in any wise concerned, and who have a Right to an equitable Redemption of the Premises, that the said Petition is Referred to the Consideration of the next Assembly.

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners in the several County Goals therein mentioned;*

Which was Read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and will Pass; and was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Sullivane.

On reading and considering his Excellency's Speech of the 19th Instant;

Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency in Answer thereto; and that Col. Tilghman, Mr. Hammond, Mr. E. Dorsey, and Mr. Murdock, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

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

Mr. Stoddert and Mr. J. J. Mackall have Leave of Absence.

An ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act continuing an Act, entituled, An Act for Repairing the Public Roads in this Province, and the Supplementary Act thereto;* And,