

S A T U R D A Y, December 23, 1758.

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Stoddert. The Proceedings were Read.

Col. Fitzbugh, Alexander Williamson, Esq; and Major Hynson, have Leave of Absence.

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *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.

An ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower 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;* And,

An ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for granting a Sum of Money as a Present to the Forces late in the Pay of this Province, and taken into his Majesty's Service by Brigadier General Forbes;*

Were severally Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills thereof, and the Prisoners Bill, by Mr. Murdock and Mr. Edmondson.

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency; which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

On reading and considering the Report brought in on the 20th Instant by Col. Tilghman, relative to Mr. Bacon's Proposals for Revising and Printing the Laws; the House concurs therewith; and Referred the same for Consideration at the next Session of Assembly.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners in the several County Goals therein mentioned;* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 23, 1758. Read the first Time, and will not Pass.

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

Mr. Murdock brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Ingrossed Address, viz.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND:

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your EXCELLENCY,

**T**HE Business of this Session being near a Conclusion, when your Excellency was pleased to recommend to us in your Speech of the 19th Instant, to prepare a Bill for obliging Masters of Vessels, that shall come to this Province thro' the Capes of Virginia, to pay a Duty towards Building a Light-House on Cape-Henry, and keeping a Light therein; we thought proper to defer the Consideration of that, and the other Matter recommended to us, till our next Meeting: And as we have now finished all the Business which we can proceed on at this Time, the Season being far advanced, and the Weather so severe, that it renders our Sitting very inconvenient, we take the Freedom to express our Desire of returning to our private Concerns, and that an End may be put to this Session.

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Hanson do acquaint the Governor, That this House hath prepared an Address, to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That his Excellency signified he would receive the Address in Half an Hour's Time in the Council Chamber.

Ordered, That Alexander Williamson, Esq; with Three more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Paper Bills (the Ingrossed Bills of which had been severally Assented to by this House); which Paper Bills were severally thus Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly; The Ingrossed Bill, whereof this is the Original, is Read and Assented to.

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

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

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

Col. Tasker, and Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

Mr.