

The Petition of *St. Anne's Parish*, in *Anne-Arundel County*, was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising Sterling for every Hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Support of an Agent in London, &c.* was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion of Col. *Tilghman*, ORDERED, That the Bill for the Support of an Agent, &c. be Read the second Time by an especial Order in the Afternoon, after Call of the House.

On Motion of Mr. *Hayward*, ORDERED, That Mr. *Harris* be added to the Committee of Accounts.

The Order of the Day being Read; this House Referred the Consideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relative to the Trade and Commerce of this Province; and RESOLVED, That the same be taken into Consideration on Thursday Morning next, immediately after the Call of the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Security of Purchasers and Others, being Protestants, claiming by or from Aliens*, was Read, and committed for Amendments.

On Motion of Col. *Tilghman*, Leave is given to bring in a Bill for preventing Persons Unqualified, from Writing in the Public Offices, and for obliging those who do write therein, to take the several Oaths required by Law; ORDERED, That Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *B. Mackall*, Mr. *Beall*, and Mr. *Johnson*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion of Col. *Tilghman*, Leave is given to bring in a Bill to prevent the Importation of superannuated, impotent, and diseased Persons, into this Province, and for obliging County Pensioners to wear Badges; ORDERED, That Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *James Tilghman*, and Mr. *John Hall*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion of Col. *Tilghman*, RESOLVED, That for the future a Committee be Appointed, and Ordered out by the Third Day of every Session, to inspect the Public Offices, Papers, and Records, and to Report the State and Condition thereof, together with Lists of all the Record Books, in each respective Office, and their Contents, and in what Order each Book is.

On Motion of Col. *Tilghman*, Leave is given to bring in a Bill for the better securing the Duty of One Shilling and Three Pence per Hogshead on Tobacco, imposed by an Act for Emitting and making Current Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money in Bills of Credit, &c. and all Public Monies received by the Naval Officers; ORDERED, That Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Ringgold*, and Mr. *Johnson*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion of Col. *Tilghman*, Leave is given to bring in a Bill for the more effectual securing Orphans Estates; ORDERED, That Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *John Hall*, Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *James Tilghman*, Mr. *Allen*, and Mr. *Hayward*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion of Col. *Tilghman*, Leave is given to bring in a Bill for preventing the Importation of German and French Papists, and Popish Priests and Jesuits, into this Province, and of Irish Papists, by the Way of Pennsylvania, or the Government of New-Castle, Kent, and Suffex, on Delaware; ORDERED, That Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Edmondson*, Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *John Hall*, and Mr. *Murdock*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

*John Ridout*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of the Vestry and Churchwardens of *St. Stephen's Parish*, in *Cæcil County*, *North Sassafras*; a Petition of the Vestry and Churchwardens of *Port-Tobacco Parish*; and a Petition of the Rector, Vestrymen and Churchwardens, and sundry of the Parishioners of *Prince-George's Parish*, in *Frederick* and *Prince-George's Counties*; severally Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 18th October, 1763. Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

Which Petitions were severally Read here, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

*Benedict Calvert*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, 18th October, 1763.

GENTLEMEN,

AGREEABLE to your Desire, intimated to us by your Message of the 13th Instant, we have, in the Paper herewith sent, particularized the Amendments we think it would be proper at this Time to make in the Inspection Law; and we entertain Hopes, that on a Revival of that Act you will be of the same Opinion, and alter it accordingly.

Signed per Order,

J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

And the following Remarks, viz.

REMARKS on the INSPECTION LAW.

IN the Inspector's Oath, after the Words *clear of Trash*, insert these Words, and mark on each Cask the true nett Weight of Tobacco therein contained.

Instead of *April*, insert *March*; and instead of the *Twentieth of August*, insert the *last Day of June*.

Insert a Clause to prevent any Inspector's giving a Note for Tobacco, that he has not actually received and passed, under Penalty of forfeiting his Salary for that Year.

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