

come to some Resolution thereon. If any Amendments to that Bill, are by you thought expedient, as the Session has already ran to a great Length, and the approaching Season will become very disagreeable to our sitting here, we hope you will speedily propose them, that we may have Time to consider them. We are the more urgent on this Occasion, because, should not that Bill have a Passage, as the Regulation of Ordinaries will expire with the Close of this Session, we should think ourselves much wanting in our Duty to our Constituents, should we rise without using our best Endeavours to continue, in some Shape or other, that Regulation, so useful and so necessary to the Province.

Signed per Order, M. MACNEMARA, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Ringgold and Mr. Swallowood.

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual securing of Orphans Estates.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to confirm the Sale of certain Lands lying on Eastern-Neck Island, in Kent County, &c.*

And an Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Advancement of Justice*, were sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills thereof, by Dr. Steuart and Mr. Magruder.

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, 18th November, 1763.

May it please your HONOURS,

**W**E herewith return you the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court, before one Justice of the Peace.*

We agree to your first Amendment, but cannot agree to the Provisoes you would have inserted, for granting an Appeal to the County Courts, in the full Extent of your Amendment, as we apprehend it would, in a great Measure, defeat the speedy Recovery of small Debts, the main End of that Bill.

Yet we are willing to grant an Appeal in the Manner you have pointed out, where the Debt exceeds Thirty-three Shillings and Four-pence Current Money, or Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and hope for the Concurrence of your House to this so just and reasonable a Proposal.

Signed per Order, M. MACNEMARA, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent, with the Bill, *for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court, &c.* to the Upper House by Mr. Allen and Mr. Steele.

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.*

POST-MERIDIEM. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Beall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Prince-George's and Charles Counties, to levy on the Taxable Persons of St. John's (commonly called King George's Parish) in the said Counties, the Sum of 50000<sup>lb</sup> of Tobacco, for the necessary Enlargement of their Parish Church*, which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Johnson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out and erecting a Town at Elk-Ridge Landing, in Ann-Arundel County*, which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Baker brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Report of Fees due to the Clerk and Serjeant, for Services done by Order of the House, which was Read the first and second Time, and the House concurs therewith.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the speedy Recovery, &c.* and the following Message, viz.

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

GENTLEMEN,

**T**HIS House agrees to the Amendment proposed by you, in your Message of this Day, to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court, before one Justice of the Peace*, and return the Bill, that the same Amendment may be inserted therein.

Signed per Order, J. ROSS, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which Message and Bill being Read, ORDERED, That the said Amendment therein agreed to by the Upper House, be made, which being done, the said Bill, with the Amendments, passed for Ingrossing.

ON MOTION, ORDERED, That this House do not proceed on any new Business during this Session after this Day.

ON MOTION, Leave given to bring in a Bill, *for the Adjournment of Prince-George's County Court*; ORDERED, That Mr. Ringgold, Col. Lloyd, and Mr. Grahame, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for imposing an additional Duty of £. 10 per Poll on all Negroes, &c.* was Read the second Time, and will pass.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Prince-George's and Charles Counties, &c.* was Read the first and second Time, by especial Order, and will pass.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out and erecting a Town at Elk-Ridge Landing, &c.* was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr.