

Foundation, would be productive of many great Advantages to the Inhabitants," we are much surpris'd that instead of endeavouring to perfect the Bill we sent you up for that Purpose, by proposing Amendments to such Parts as you thought "imperfect and very exceptionable," you should detain it so long in your House, as to make it, in your own Opinion, too late for us to enter into a full Consideration of any you might make, without protracting the Session to an unreasonable Length.

The Bill, we think, is plain and simple, and as we sent it up to you above three Weeks ago, there has been full Time enough for the Two Houses to have settled and adjusted any Difference of Sentiments they could have entertained about it, and thereby have brought it to a happy Issue this Session.

But whatever might have been your Honours Motives for postponing the Consideration of a Matter so important, to such as are comparatively very trivial, we are of Opinion, although it may be too late to bring it to Perfection at this Time, that it may answer a very good Purpose, to return us the Bill, with your Objections now.

You waive it at present, you say, till the Affair can be maturely considered.

It is our Intention to publish the Bill, with any Objections you may be pleas'd to offer against it; and as we conceive this will be putting the Whole into a proper Channel, not only for the mature Consideration of ourselves, but of the Public; and as it will thereby undergo such a Discussion as may enable us in future to render it more perfect, we hope your Honours will now return us the Bill, with such Propositions for Amendments as you may think expedient.

As it has never been a Practice, till lately in some Instances introduced by your Honours, to detain in your House, any Bills sent up from this, nor has it been customary for this House to keep Copies of such Bills, we are the more oblig'd to press you for a Return of this Bill, which we cannot submit to the Consideration of our Constituents, (as we are very desirous of doing) unless you will furnish us with the Opportunity, by sending it down to us.

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

Was sent to the Upper House by Col. *Tilghman* and Maj. *Hynson*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the speedy Payment of such Persons as have been Ordered to march to the Western Frontiers, &c.* was Read the second Time, and will pass, and was sent to the Upper House, with the List of Claims against the Province for Soldiers, Carriages, Provisions, Expences, &c. by Mr. *Murdock* and Mr. *J. Hall*.

On Motion, ORDERED, That those Clauses of the Inspection Law; directing the Manner of old Inspectors delivering up the Ware-houses and Tobacco, to new Inspectors, and those which require the Justices and Inspectors to meet, and the Justices to order Repairs of, or Additions to, the Ware-houses, be Printed in the *Maryland Gazette*.

On Motion, RESOLVED, That for the future, this House will not take into Consideration any Petition from the Inhabitants of any County, or Parish, relative to the imposing any Kind of Taxes, or erecting any public Buildings, or other Matter, any way respecting the general Interest of such County, or Parish, or particular Interest of any Part thereof, unless it shall be made appear, that Two Months at least, before the offering such Petition to any Person to be subscribed, Advertisements were set up at all the Churches, Chapels and Court-house of the said County, notifying the Intention of offering such Petition to be subscribed, in order to be preferred to this House.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Mr. *Jonas Green* do Print in the *Maryland Gazette*, the *Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, &c.* which was pass'd this Session.

*Richard Lee*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the equitable Payment of Money Debts: The Bill, entitled, An Act to restrain the evil Practice of continuing Suits at Law on Suggestion, &c.* The Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Importation of German and French Papijls, &c.* And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to oblige Persons who officiate as Clerks or Writers in the Public Offices, &c.* Which Bills were severally Indors'd, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 22d November 1763, Read the second Time, and will not pass.

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

*Benedic' Calvert*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of Charles County, to levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of Port-Tobacco Parish, &c.* Indors'd, " 22d November, Read the first and second Time by especial Order, and will pass.

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

Which Bill was Read here, and pass'd for Ingrossing.

The Bill, entitled, *An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for quieting Possessions, &c.* which was brought down from the Upper House on the 16th November 1763, with an Amendment propos'd; was Read, with the Amendment propos'd, and to which this House doth not concur.

The Journal of Accounts was sent to the Upper House, by Maj. *Hynson* and three more.

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock.*

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

Mr. *Ringgold* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to the Governor, which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingross'd.