

22<sup>d</sup> Instant, desire you to come to any Determination upon it, but on the contrary, after you had told us, that you were of Opinion; that the Bill was in many Respects, imperfect and very exceptionable, intimated our Apprehensions that it was too late to bring it to Perfection in the present Session; and further declared, that our Motive for desiring the Bill might be returned to us with such Propositions for Amendments, as you might think expedient, was an Intention to publish the whole, that it might undergo a Public Examination and Discussion, and thereby enable us, in future, to render it more perfect.

Your Honours say, that as you observe by the Journal, the Affair of a College was under the Consideration of the Lower House, several Years ago, and that during the Session in April 1761, it was again moved and deliberated on in that House, of which most of us were Members, you can easily account for the Bills appearing at this Time to a Majority of this House so plain, simple and perfect: As to the Consideration of the Affair of a College several Years ago, we must observe, the Scheme was very different from that of the present Bill, that very few of us were Members of the Lower House at that Time, and consequently that a great Majority of the present House could have no more Lights from the Proceedings on that Bill than your Honours have, since they appear on our Journal, so that this Consideration has had no Weight in producing the Opinion you ascribe to us. In April Session 1761, the Lower House had proceeded but very little further in their Plan, than settling the Funds, which are widely different from those under the present Bill, when they were suddenly stop't in their Proceedings by a Prorogation, the Motives to which, we presume, your Honours are at least as well acquainted with, as the Reasons which induced us to think our Bill, plain, simple and perfect, if you can suggest no better than the groundless Conjectures above mentioned.

But we beg your Honours will puzzle yourselves no longer to Account for the Bill's appearing to us plain, simple and perfect, because we have not any where expressed such an Opinion. Plain and simple it does appear to us, but we have not alledg'd it to be perfect, and must beseech your Honours not to indulge yourselves in the Licence (since we do not think it of so long standing) that none of the Gentlemen who are at present Members of either House, can remember when it was introduced of thus misrepresenting us. These are disingenuous Arts, totally inconsistent with the Dignity which should be maintained in a Parliamentary Intercourse, between the several Branches of the Legislature. If the only Reason of your keeping the Bill is, that you may have an Opportunity of considering it, we think that End might have been as well Answered by sending it down to us, first ordering your Clerk to keep a Copy of it for yourselves, but since you seem to be of a different Opinion, we reject your Proposal, and must take Care for the future not to subject ourselves to a like Inconvenience, tho' it may Occasion a considerable additional Expence to our Constituents. Upon the whole, since both Houses agree, that the Establishment of a College is a Matter which would be productive of many great Advantages to the Inhabitants, and requires as you say, and we admit, the most mature Consideration, we must submit to the Judgment of the Public, whether your Honours in detaining the Bill, and evading to point out your Objections, or propose Amendments, after it had been so long under your Consideration, or this House in pressing for the Bill, and your Sentiments upon it, with a declared Intention to Publish both to the World, have proposed the more rational Expedient for bringing about that mature Consideration which your Honours affect so much to desire.

Signed per Order,

M. MACNEMARA, Cl. Lo. Ho.

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

The House adjourns till 11 of the Clock Afternoon.

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

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to revise Kent County November Court, &c.* was Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House with the Paper Bill, by Col. Lloyd and Maj. Hynson.

Mr. Hanson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to the Governor, which was Read, Approved and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

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,

By the Report of the Committee of both Houses of Assembly, appointed to inspect the Office, and Proceedings of the Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly, it appears to this House, that several Officers appointed to collect the Taxes, by virtue of the Laws of this Province, have been very remiss in making their Payments; for your Excellency's fuller Information of the particular Failures, we beg Leave to refer you to an Extract from the said Report herewith sent, and request that your Excellency will be pleased to direct the most effectual Measures to be taken to enforce the speedy Payment of those Deficiencies.

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

ORDERED,