

Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 12, 1765. The Ingrossed Bill, where-
of this is the Original, is Read and Assented to.

"Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

The Bill entitled, *An Act continuing an Act entitled, An Act to increase the Allowance of Grand and Petit Jurors, &c.* The Bill entitled, *An Act to confirm a Lease made by Thomas Harrison, to the Commissioners of Baltimore-Town, &c.* And the Bill entitled, *An Act for destroying of Squirrels and Crows, &c.* were sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Jacob, and Capt. Cooley Dey.

John Ridout, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill entitled, *An Act continuing an Act entitled, An Act to increase the Allowance of Grand and Petit Jurors, &c.* The Bill entitled, *An Act to confirm a Lease made by Thomas Harrison, to the Commissioners of Baltimore-Town, &c.* And the Bill entitled, *An Act for destroying of Crows and Squirrels, &c.* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 13, 1765; Read the first and second Time by special Order, and will Pass.

Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bills were Read here, and Passed for Ingrossing.
Thomas Ringgold, Esq; brings in the following Remonstrance, 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,

WE are truly concerned, that the Duty we owe to our Constituents, lays us under the indispensable Necessity of observing, that every Power lodged in the Hands of Government, is there intrusted by the Constitution to be exercised for the Common Good.

To this End hath your Excellency, as supreme Magistrate, the Powers of Convening and Proroguing Assemblies; which we need not remark, according to the Bill of Rights confirmed at the happy Revolution, ought, for Redress of all Grievances, and for amending, strengthening and preserving of Laws, to be held frequently.

The unhappy Prevalence of the Small-Pox, from the Month of March, to that of September last, rendered a Convention of Assembly within that Time impracticable; but we are ignorant of any Reasons that could occasion the long Intervention from November 1763, to last March; within which Time, Circumstances of a peculiar Nature, Required a Meeting of Assembly, which was prevented by repeated Prorogations. It is incumbent on us, as the Representatives of a Free People, to Remonstrate against that Measure; especially as it prevailed at a Time so very critical to the Rights of America; at a Time when the good People of this Province ardently wished for an Opportunity to express, by their Representatives in Assembly, their Sense of a Scheme, then entertained by the British House of Commons, of imposing Stamp-Duties on the Colonies; and for want of which, their involuntary Silence, on a Subject so Interesting and Important, has been construed, by a late Political Writer of Great-Britain, as an Acquiescence in that intended Project.

At the same Time that we make this free Declaration, which is prompted by a genuine Sense of Duty to those we represent, permit us to assure your Excellency, that with Hearts attached to no other Object than the Public Good, we are determined to avoid every unnecessary Measure which may tend to interrupt the Harmony which has happily subsisted throughout the whole Course of this Session, between the several Branches of the Legislature. And we cannot help expressing our Apprehensions, that if we should be now Silent, at some future Time, when it may be the Unhappiness of this Province to be under the Government of a Gentleman less favourable in his Inclinations to the Interests of America, than Yourself, the Occasion, which has laid us under the disagreeable Necessity of troubling your Excellency with this Assertion of our Rights, might be made Use of as a Precedent for promoting Measures prejudicial to the Rights and Privileges of the good People of this Province.

Which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table.

The said Remonstrance was Read a first and second Time by the Clerk, and approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

POST-MERIDIEM. The House met.

Thomas Ringgold, Esq; brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Remonstrance to the Governor, Ingrossed; which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

ORDERED, That Thomas Ringgold, Esq; and Col. Lloyd, 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 please to receive it. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified he would receive the Address in Three Quarters of an Hour, in the Conference Chamber.

ORDERED, That Thomas Ringgold, Esq; and Five more, do present the Address to the Governor. The Bill entitled, *An Act for laying out a-new, and settling and ascertaining the future Bounds and Limits of St. Luke's, Christ-Church, and St. John's Parishes, in Queen-Anne's County, and of St. Paul's Parish, lying partly in Queen-Anne's, and partly in Talbot County;* was Read the second Time, and will Pass; and was sent to the Upper House, by James Hollyday, Esq; and Mr. Wright.