

By the Committee appointed by the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly, to enquire into the Allegations and Facts contained in the Petitions of Anne Gaither, and Wright Mills, Inhabitants of the City of Annapolis.

YOUR Committee, pursuant to the Order and Appointment of your Honourable House, have enquired into the several Facts and Allegations therein contained; and do find, by the Information of *Cornelius Howard*, *Francis Fairbrother*, and *Isaac Harris*, that in the Evening of the Day of *September 1765*, the Dwelling-House, in the Occupation of *Anne Gaither*, was pulled down, and torn to Pieces, by a Number of People. We also find, That *Benjamin Tasker*, Esq; made and executed a Lease, of Part of a Lot of Ground, whereon said House stood, to *Samuel Gaither*, the late Husband of the said *Anne*, dated the 15th Day of *October 1759*, and that the said *Samuel Gaither*, by his Last Will and Testament, dated the 23d Day of *September 1762*, devised the said House, and Lot of Ground, to *Mary Gaither*, and *Cassandra Gaither*, Sisters of the said *Samuel*; and that *Anne Gaither*, the Petitioner, purchased of *Edward Norwood*, who intermarried with the said *Mary*, One Fourth Part of said Lot of Ground, for the Sum of 12 l. 10 s. as per Deed, bearing Date the 16th Day of *November 1763*, legally acknowledged and recorded, appears. It also appears to your Committee, that the Lot of Ground aforesaid, was appraised in the Estate of the said *Samuel Gaither*, to the Sum of 50 l.

Your Committee also find, by examining *Wright Mills*, and *Frederick Mills*, upon Oath, that *Wright Mills*, the Petitioner, hath sustained Damage, by loss of sundry Tools, Materials found, and Work done, towards fitting up the Front-Room, on the Lower Floor of the House aforesaid, for a Store-Room for *Zachariah Hood*, amounting to a larger Sum than the Account delivered to your Committee, by the said *Wright Mills*, which said Account is hereto annexed, and amounts to the Sum of 13 l. 7 s. 3 d.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed per Order,

JOHN DUCKETT, jun^r. Cl.

Which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

J. Ridout, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to ease the Inhabitants of this Province, and to empower the Justices, &c. to bind out Apprentices*: Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, *November 26, 1766*. Read the Second Time, and will Pass, with the Amendments annexed, viz. In the Third Line from the Bottom of the First Page, leave out the Words, "provided always," and before the Word, "enacted," in the same Line, insert the Word, "further." In the 4th Line of the 2d Page, after the Word, "by," insert the Words, "Virtue of." In the 6th and 7th Lines of the same Page, leave out the Words, "where such Child shall be bound out Apprentice." In the 9th Line of the same Page, after the Words *Non est*, insert the following Words, "and if the Mother shall appear in Court, and offer sufficient Security for the Maintenance of her Child; or if any Person, on her Behalf, shall, in Court, offer such sufficient Security, then, and in such Case, the Court shall not have Power to bind out such Child Apprentice; but shall take such for his or her Maintenance."

Which Bill was Read here, and with the Amendments proposed, passed for Ingrossing.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*: Was Read the Second Time, and will Pass, and was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. *Lecompte*, and Capt. *Chapline*.

B. Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Security of Purchasers, and others, being Protestants, claiming by or from Aliens*: Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, *November 26, 1766*: Read the Second Time, and will Pass, with the following Amendments, viz. Leave out the Words, "being Protestants," in the Title; and also in the 8th Line, and in the 14th, and 15th Lines, leave out the Words, "a Protestant or Protestants;" and in the 21st Line, and also the same Words in the 24th Line, leave out the Words, "Papist or Papists or," in the 28th Line, and also the same Words in the 29th Line.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Amendments were here Read, and unanimously Rejected.

ORDERED, That the Serjeant at Arms, do forthwith send an especial Messenger to acquaint Mr. *Hammond*, Mr. *Mackall*, and Mr. *Baker*, that this House requires their immediate Attendance, for the Dispatch of Public Business.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Payment of the Public Claims, for emitting Bills of Credit, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*: Was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till the Morrow-Morning at IX of the Clock.

T H U R S D A Y, November, 27.

THE House met. Col. *Henry* appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Lecompte*, do go with Col. *Henry* to the Upper House, to see him take