The Report brought in by *W. Murray*, Esq. on the 15th Instant (from the Committee appointed) Was Read the Second Time, and the House unanimously concur with the Subject Matter therein reported, and Ordered, That the said Committee be continued as such, and that they make a final Report to the Lower House, at the next Session of Assembly.

On Reading a Second Time, the Report from the Committee appointed to enquire and Report to the House, by what Law or Custom the Lord Proprietary of this Province receives the Fines, Forfeitures, and Amerciaments, arising in the Courts of Justice, and also the 12 d. per Hogshead on all Tobaccoes exported out of this Province, the annual Amount of such Fines, Forfeitures, Amerciaments, and Twelve-pence per Hogshead, for the last Seven Years, to what Uses and Purposes the same have been applied, with their Opinion, as to the Justice of such Receipt and Application, and that the said Committee have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Things, necessary to perfect their Inquiry and Report. The House Unanimously concur therewith, and Resolve, That the Honourable Speaker, Mr. *Lennox Tilghman*, Mr. *Murray*, Mr. *John Hall of Harford*, Mr. *Thomas Johnson*, Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Hanson*, Mr. *Worthington*, Mr. *Grason*, and Mr. *John Hall of Dorchester*, or the major Part of them, be, and are hereby appointed a Committee to compleat and finish the said Inquiry; and, for that Purpose, they are requested by this House, to meet at the City of *Annapolis*, at some convenient Time, in the Recess, when they will have no Interruption from the Public Business, and make such further References respecting the 12 d. per Hogshead, as they shall think necessary to enable them to report fully their Opinion, and the Reasons whereon the same is founded, to this House, at the next Session of Assembly.

And whereas, to make a full and satisfactory Enquiry and Report of the above Matter, it is deemed requisite, that a thorough Examination and Inspection be made into all the Acts that have been passed, and Resolves that have been made, relative to the Revenue, and every Branch thereof, and raising and levying Money upon the People in any Manner whatsoever, towards supporting the executive Power of Government, together with the contemporary Journals and Proceedings, not only of this House, but also of the Upper House, and Governor and Privy Council. It is therefore further Resolved, That the said Committee have free Access to all Papers, Books, and Records, in any of the Public Offices, to search and examine the same, and take Copies of any Part thereof, they shall think proper. And also, That the said Committee have Power to employ a Clerk, who shall have the same daily Allowance under them, as Clerks in Session of Time have, and that this House will take Care that the said Committee be indemnified for any reasonable Expence that may be incurred in prosecuting said Inquiry.

To the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly, at the Court.

MONDAY, *December* 1.

THE House met: Mr. *Lennox*, Mr. *Hammond*, Esq. Col. *Lloyd*, Mr. *Burgess*, and Mr. *Fox*, appeared in the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the speedy Foreclosure of Mortgages*: Was Read, and committed for Amendments.

B. Carroll, Esq. from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the Importation of Sheep Dogs, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*: indorsed, — By the Upper House of Assembly, Read the Second Time, and will Pass. — Which Bill was Read here, and passed for Ingrossing.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of the Breed of Fish*: Was Read the Second Time, and will Pass, and was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. *Fox*, and Mr. *Hall*, Esq.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do sign his Warrant to the Deputy-Secretary of this Province, to make out a Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of *Baltimore* County, to elect a Delegate, to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, now sitting, in the room of Mr. *James Hall*, newly elected.

To the Honourable the Speaker, Mr. Murray, at the Court.

TUESDAY, *December* 2.

THE House met:

The Bill, entitled, *An Act supplementary to Sections of Frederick County, to lay in the Taxable Inhabitants of said County, a Summary of Taxes, for building a Stone-Wall around the Public Prison, &c.* Was Read the Second Time, and will Pass, and was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. *Gist*, and Mr. *Smith*.

J. Cox, Esq. brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act for the Encouragement of Sheriffs in their Office, and for relinquishing unto all Prisoners their Prison*. — Which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to be on the Table.

Mr.