

Mr. *Grahame*, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees*: Which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to oblige infected Ships and other Vessels coming into this Province, to perform Quarantine*: Was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock.*

POST MERIDIEM. The House met.

*D. Dulany*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of certain Languishing Prisoners, &c.* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 2, 1766: Read the Second Time, and will Pass, leaving out the Names of *John Doncastle*, of *Charles County*; and of *Mayberry Helmes*, junior, of *Baltimore County*:" And the Bill, entitled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Frederick County to levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of said County, a Quantity of Tobacco for building a Stone-Wall around the Public Prison, &c.* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 2, 1766: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will Pass." Which Bill was Read here, and passed for In-grossing.

On Motion, That a Message be prepared, and sent to the Upper House, to enforce the Passage of the Prisoners Bill: ORDERED, That *S. Chase*, Esq; *Mr. Hanson*, *W. Murdock*, Esq; do prepare and bring in a Message accordingly.

*B. Calvert*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Payment of the Public Claims, for emitting Bills of Credit, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 28, 1766: Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

"Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

And the following Message, viz.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, Dec. 2, 1766.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have returned the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Payment of the Public Claims, for emitting Bills of Credit, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which, we flatter ourselves, will be so framed, as that we may give our Assent to it.

The Duty required of the Commissioners, seems to exceed the Duration of their Power, when they are directed not only to receive the Stamps and Flowers into their Possession, but to safely keep them in their Office. It appears to be very proper, that, in the Execution of so important a Trust, there should be Two Commissioners present at the Delivery of Bills of Credit; but, in case of the Inability of one of them, from Sickness, or other reasonable Cause, to attend, some Provision we think is requisite, in order to prevent a total Stop to the Business. The Services in Recording Bonds and Orders, and in the safe Custody of them, ought to be paid for; and, if by the Commissioners, it seems to be proper to extend the Provision made for some other Articles of Expence.

If you should think that a short Recital of the Substance of the Agreement between the Two Houses, in consequence of the Conference which took Place this Session in respect of the Claims of the late and present Clerk of the Council, would not be so proper, as one more full and particular, we make no Doubt but you will readily agree, that all our Propositions offered at the above Conference, ought to be set out; and that great Care ought to be taken to prevent any Inference from the Recital, that either House has held a Conduct different from the Fact. We have always dissented to the Journal of Accounts, because the usual Allowance was not made therein to the Clerk of the Council; but we have not always dissented to the List of Debts. We presume that the Attendance of those to whom the Keys of the Repository and Iron Chests are to be delivered, is not intended, and that this Matter should be clear. If the Commissioner for taking in the Bills of Credit, and drawing Bills of Exchange, should die, be disabled to attend, or deserve to be removed before his compleat Execution of the Trust, there ought to be another to supply his Place. We incline to think that Two Commissioners would be proper for this Service, as a Guard against the Imposition of forged Bills of Credit. The Trustees in *London* will undoubtedly expect to be paid for their Trouble. Perhaps, if a Commission or Reward, should not be expressly given them by the Bill, they would refuse to act, or, if they should act, they might claim, and have it in their Power to receive more than on the other Hand might be thought a reasonable Compensation. We are really apprehensive that the Allowance to the Commissioners is too small, considering the Duties they are to perform, to induce Gentlemen, properly Qualified, to accept of the Appointment; and, should this be the Case, we need not suggest what the Inconvenience may be, and how dearly a little Saving in this Article may be purchased by the Public. There are some Inaccuracies of Expression in the Bill, which may probably