

The Report brought in by *W. Murdock*, 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 Hogthead on all Tobaccos exported out of this Province; the annual Amount of such Fines, Forfeitures, Amerciaments, and Twelve-pence per Hogthead, 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 such Inquiry and Report. The House Unanimously concur therewith; and Resolve, That the Honourable Speaker, *Mr. Edward Tilghman*, *Mr. Murdock*, *Mr. John Hall*, of *Annapolis*, *Mr. Thomas Johnson*, *Mr. Ringgold*, *Mr. Chase*, *Mr. Hanson*, *Mr. Worthington*, *Mr. Grahame*, and *Mr. John Hall*, of *Baltimore*, 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 Researches respecting the 12 *d.* per Hogthead, 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 on 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 Powers of Government, together with the cotemporary 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 may 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's 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.

The House adjourns till Monday Morning at IX of the Clock.

M O N D A Y, December 1.

THE House met. *Mr. Edmondson*, *J. Hammond*, Esq; *Col. Lloyd*, *Mr. Buchanan*, and *Mr. Tyler*, appeared in the House:

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

B. Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Mischeifs arising from the Multiplicity of Useless 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. Jacob*, and *J. Hall*, Esq;

On Motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue 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 Heath*, lately deceased.

The House djourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

T U E S D A Y, December 2.

THE House met.

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.* Was Read the Second Time, and will Pass, and was sent to the Upper House, by *Mr. Gantt*, and *Mr. Smith*.

S. Chase, Esq; brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the Direction of Sheriffs in their Offices, and the restraining their ill Practices within this Province*: Which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr.