

The Supplementary Bill to the Act entitled, *An Act for the Direction of Sheriffs in their Offices, &c.* Was Read the Second Time, and will Pass.

B. Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Supplementary Bill to the Act, entitled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, &c.* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 3, 1766: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will Pass, Leaving out the Fifth and Sixth Pages.

"Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

On Reading the aforesaid Alteration, proposed the First and Second Time, the House concurs therewith, and the said Bill was Indorsed, Read, and with the Alteration proposed, passed for Ingrossing.

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

THURSDAY, December 4.

THE House met.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act for amending and repairing the Public Roads in Baltimore and Frederick Counties:* Was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Flour, Staves and Shingles, not merchantable, from the Town of Baltimore, in Baltimore County, and to regulate the Measure of Grain, and Fire-Wood within the said Town:* Was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act concerning the Name of John Bealle Bordley:* Was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

D. Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of several languishing Prisoners, &c.* And the following Message, viz.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, December 4, 1766.

GENTLEMEN,

WE make no Doubt, but you received from the Evidence offered to your House, full Satisfaction upon your Enquiry into the Foundation of the Allegations contained in the Petition of Messieurs *Slye* and *Barnett*; against the Relief of *Mayberry Helmes*, junr. of *Baltimore* County, nor is any Thing in that Petition the Ground of our objecting to his Name's being inserted in the Bill for Relief of Languishing Prisoners; and we presume also, that you had sufficient Cause for rejecting the Petitions of several Prisoners who have applied this Session for Relief. Our Objection to the Relief of *Helmes*, arises from an Information that he has been guilty of great Fraud in obtaining a Sum of Money from Mr. *Nicholas Maccubbin*; and we think, that when a Prisoner's Character is not clear, he is not entitled to our Favour.

We have great Reason also, to suspect that *John Doncastle* hath acted with a great Degree of Unfairness, if not of Fraud, towards one of his Creditors; the Circumstances whereof having been communicated to this House in the Petition of Doctor *David Ross*. For these Reasons, we think that the other Prisoners, whose Conduct hath not been objected to, ought to be distinguished from *Helmes* and *Doncastle*, in our Consideration.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

On Reading the Alterations proposed by the Upper House, to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of several Languishing Prisoners, &c.* the House agrees therewith. The Alterations were made, and the Bill was Indorsed: Read, and, with the proposed Alterations, Passed for Ingrossing.

The Committee appointed December 20, 1765, to correspond with *Charles Garth*, Esq; in Recess of Assembly, and to bring in now an Answer to Mr. *Garth's* Letters to the Speaker, to be sent him now by the House, in the Name of the Speaker, were continued, with the Addition of *J. Hall*, Esq;

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

POST MERIDIEM. The House met.

Mr. *Hall* of *Baltimore*, hath Leave of Absence.

Mr. *Edmondson* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, viz.

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES, Dec. 4, 1766.

YOUR Committee having inspected the Writs directed to the Sheriffs of *St. Mary's*, and *Dorchester* Counties; and also the Writ directed to the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of *Annapolis*, for electing Deputies and Delegates to serve in this General Assembly, and the Returns thereto annexed; do find,

That Mr. *John Hall*, a Delegate for the City of *Annapolis*, is duly returned.

That