

stable, in order to be carried to Prison; that before he could convey them thither, they made their Escape; and, altho' many Attempts have been since made to take them, they still remain at large in the Neighbourhood (being, as is supposed, countenanced and protected by some white People) and threaten to burn the Houses of such Persons, as have been, or may be active in endeavouring to secure them, which Threats have deterred many from exerting themselves. I submit it, therefore, to your Consideration, whether it would not be a very proper Step, on such an Occasion, to offer a Reward for the apprehending such audacious Rogues; and, if you approve of the Measure, I will, by Proclamation, offer such Reward as may be thought proper.

June 6, 1768.

H O R^o. S H A R P E.

John Beale Bordley, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Baltimore County, for the Continuance of the Court-House of said County, at the Town of Joppa; indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, June 6, 1768: "Read, and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

"Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Petition was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The above Petition read the second Time.

The Order of the Day being read, the House took into Consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of Baltimore County, for a Removal of the Court-House.

Mr. Buchanan appeared in the House.

On Consideration of the last mentioned Petition of the Inhabitants of Baltimore County; the Question was put, Whether the said Petition be granted? Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	{	Wolftenholme,	Parran,	Goldsbrough,	Veazy,	Wright,
		Eden,	Grahame,	N. Thomas,	Ward,	Allen,
		Key,	Hanson,	Sullivan,	Baxter,	Selby,
		Ringgold,	Ware,	Hooper,	Baker,	Purnell,
		Gresham,	Smallwood,	Steele,	Tyler,	J. Dashiell,
		Chase,	Harrison,	Ridgely,	Murdock,	Cresap,
		Worthington,	Hayward,	Moale,	Hall,	Jenings,
		Johnson,	T. Dashiell,	Adair,	Hollyday,	Lockett.
		Griffith,	Dickinson,			

For the N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs Buchanan, Bordley, Deye, Beall, Paca.

ORDERED, That a Bill be brought in according to the Prayer of the Petitioners; and that Mr. Jenings, Mr. Chase, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Moale, and Mr. Adair, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House adjourns 'til To-Morrow Morning IX o'Clock.

T U E S D A Y, JUNE 7.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

The Members were called, and all appeared as on Yesterday.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

The Governor's Message of Yesterday, read a second Time.

ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Ringgold, do prepare an Address to his Excellency, in Answer thereto.

The Petition of Joseph Scott, read the second Time, and granted; and Leave given to bring in a Bill according to Prayer.

Mr. Gantt appeared in the House.

Mr. Tyler brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed by your Honourable House, to inspect into the Records and Proceedings in the several Public Offices, and to report and state the Condition thereof.

YOUR Committee have examined into the State and Condition of the Land Office, and find, That the Records, from the Year 1745, to the Books now in Use, are marked "Examined;" and, by comparing some of them with the original Papers, they appear to have been carefully done. But we find, that the Records of the Certificates, preceding that Date, are not marked, nor do we believe they ever were examined; for, comparing these with many of the Originals, very few agree. Some Books, in this Office, require to be new bound; and the Records, in general, want Covers to save their Binding. The General Alphabets, and original