

Mr. *Joseph Chapline*, a Delegate returned for *Frederick County*, appeared in the House. ORDERED, That Mr. *Cregap*, and Mr. *Luckett*, do go with the Gentleman to the Upper House, to see him qualified.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they saw him qualified in the usual Manner. The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

Mr. *Levin Gale*, and Mr. *Samuel Wilson*, Delegates returned for *Somerset County*, appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Hayward*, and Mr. *T. Dashiell*, do go with the Gentlemen to the Upper House, to see them qualified.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they saw them qualified in the usual Manner. The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House.

On taking into Consideration, the Subject-Matter of the Governor's Message of this Day, and of Captain *Ogden's* Petition, ORDERED, That Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Jenings*, and Mr. *Hall*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for granting to the *Nanticoke Indians*, a Compensation for the Lands therein mentioned.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to remedy the Inconveniencies arising from the Loss of some of the Proceedings in St. Mary's County Court*: Read the Second Time, and will pass: Sent to the Upper House, by Mr. *Wolstenholme*, and Mr. *Eden*.

Mr. *Johnson* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Address:

To his Excellency H O R A T I O S H A R P E, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your EXCELLENCY,

IN Answer to your Excellency's Message of Monday last, we are of Opinion, that the Offer of a Reward for apprehending Negroes, who are well known, and charged with Felony, may probably, in its Consequences, induce a very heavy Expence on the Public, and tend to lessen the Activity and Spirit, with which they have been generally pursued, unless extraordinary Rewards should be almost as constantly offered, as Crimes committed. It seems from your Excellency's Message, that Negroes *Phill*, and *Daniel*, are probably countenanced by white People, and thereby, if at all, will escape the Public Justice; from thence we are apprehensive, that an Exertion of the Magistrates Power, may most effectually obviate Schemes so prejudicial to the Community.

Which is read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*John Ridout*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petition of the Visitors of *Kent County* Free-School; the Petition of Captain *Pearis*; and the Petition of *Samuel Cookson*; which were severally indorsed: "June 7, 1768, Read, and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Petitions are severally read here, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, JUNE 8.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all appeared as on Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. *M. Tilghman* appeared in the House.

On Motion, Leave given to withdraw the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Cecil County*, preferred to this House, and rejected.

The Order of the Day being read, the House took into Consideration the Letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the *Massachusetts-Bay*; and Mr. Speaker is requested to write a respectful Answer, in the Name of the House, to the same.

On reading the late Acts of Parliament, imposing Duties on the Colonies for the sole Purpose of raising a Revenue; UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, That a loyal, dutiful, and humble Petition, be prepared to be presented to his Majesty, on the Subject-Matter thereof: ORDERED, That Mr. *Murdock*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *Hall*, Mr. *Hollyday*, Mr. *M. Tilghman*, and Mr. *Jenings*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Benedict Calvert*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to remedy the Inconveniencies arising from the Loss of some Proceedings in St. Mary's County Court*; indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, June 7, 1768: Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

"By the Upper House of Assembly, June 8, 1768: Read the second Time, and will pass. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho." Which