VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, June 1768.

Your Committee also find, that the Commissioners have paid away, to the Printer, the Treafurer, and for their, and their Clerks Salaries, agreeable to the Act of Assembly, and other Office Expences, 3330 Dollars, and Five Sixths of a Dollar.

Your Committee have received from the Commissioners, Bills of Credit, to the Amount of 24,601 Dollars, and Four Ninths of a Dollar; out of which they have paid, to fundry Clai-Dollars. mants, 2164 For Allowances on the Journal, and Lift of Debts, To Amos Ogden, for the Use of the Nanticoke Indians, as directed by Act of Assembly, 6663 this Session, To Anne Catharine Green, as directed by Act, this Session, - - - - -948 To his Excellency, the Governor, by Ordinance of both Houses of Assembly, 1237 400 To John Duckett, by Ditto, 1243 There is still due to fundry Claimants, on the Journal, and List of Debts, 2707 And there appears, in the Iron Cheft, unapplied, - -174665 246015

All which is submitted to the Consideration of both Houses of Assembly, this 22^d Day of Benedict Calvert,

Walter Dulany,
Brice T. B. Worthington,
Thomas Ringgold,
Charles Grahame,
James Dickinson,
Henry Steele,
Robert Tyler,
Robert Buchanan.

The Report was read the first and second Time, and concurred with.

RESOLVED, That all Petitions, upon every new Assembly, relating to Elections and Returns, be presented to the Honourable Speaker of this House, for the Time being, within Five Days from the first Day of the Scssion of such new Assembly, inclusive, and not after. And, if any Election shall be made, by virtue of any Writ issued by Order of the Lower House of Assembly, that no Petition be received against such Election, or Return, unless such Petition be presented to the Speaker, as aforesaid, within Five Days from the first Day of the Session, inclusive, aster such Writ shall be returned, or within the same Time, after the actual Return of such Writ, if the same shall be returned in Session Time.

RESOLVED, That treating Electors, is highly injurious, tends to corrupt and debauch the People, and may, if not timely prevented, be destructive of that Freedom, intended to be main-

tained in Elections, by our excellent Constitution.

IT IS THEREFORE UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, That on any Petition for Treating, this House will not take into Consideration, or regard the Greatness or Smallness of any Treat, but will, in all Cases, in which any Person, or Persons, hereafter to be elected to serve in Assembly, for any County within this Province, at any Time after the Test, or issuing of the Writ of Election, or after the Place of any Member becomes vacant hereafter, in the Time of this present, or of any other Assembly, shall hereafter, by himself, or themselves, or by any other Ways or Means, on his, or their Behalf, or at his, or their Charge, or with his, or their Privity, or Consent, before his, or their Election, directly, or indirectly, give, present, or allow, to any Person, having a Voice or Vote in such Election, any Money, Meat, Drink, Entertainment, or Provision, or make any Present, Gift, Reward, or Entertainment, or any Promise, Agreement, Obligation, or Engagement, to give, or allow any Money, Meat, Drink, Provision, Present, Reward, or Entertainment, whatsoever, in order to be elected, or for being elected, will declare the Election of such Person void.

The Question was put, Whether the following Resolve, viz. Also Resolved, That if any Person whatsoever, shall hereaster, after the Test, or issuing of the Writ of Election, or after the Place of any Member becomes vacant, directly, or indirectly, on the Behalf of, or with the Privity or Consent of any Person, or Persons, hereaster to be elected to serve in Assembly, give, present, or allow, to any Person, having a Voice or Vote, any Money, Meat, Drink, Entertainment, or Provision, or shall make any Present, Gift, Reward, or Provision, or make any Promise, Agreement, Obligation, or Engagement, to give, or allow any Money, Meat, Drink, Provision, Present, Reward, or Entertainment, whatsoever, in order to procure the Election, or for the Election of any Person, or Persons, hereaster to be elected to serve in Assembly; such Person shall be deemed guilty of Bribery, and of a Breach of the Privileges of this House, and this House will punish the same accordingly; be agreed to? Resolved in the Assirmative.

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