

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of Assembly,

I WANT Words to express my Thanks in the Form which your very obliging and affectionate allais to supply I demand. Your generous Determination of transacting the Business which has been committed to you, with the Moderation I took the Liberty of recommending in my Speech at the opening of this Session, will justly entitle you to the Esteem of your Sovereign, your Lord Proprietors, your Constituents, and your Governour.

ROBERT EDEN.

Mr. Gifford, from the Committee of Accounts, acquaints Mr. Speaker, that they had made Choice of *Henry Gifford*, as Clerk to the Committee. The House approved the Choice, and *Henry Gifford* being qualified.

Mr. Rev. Gifford continued to the House, that he had qualified *John Duckett*, as Clerk to the Committee of the House, in the usual Manner.

The Petition of the Rector, Vestrymen, and Church-Wardens of *St. Paul's* Parish, lying Part of *St. Paul's*, and partly in *Talbot* County; read a Second Time, and granted.

That *Mr. E. T. T. T.*, *Mr. H. T. T.*, *Mr. W. T. T.*, and *Mr. N. Thomas*, do prepare and bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of said Petition.

Mr. Gifford presented in the House, and added to the Committee appointed to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners appointed by virtue of the Act for the Payment of the public Debts, for emitting Bills of Credit, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

The Petition of *Peter H. H.*, read the Second Time, and Leave given to bring in a Bill for his Naturalization, he producing a Certificate to the House, of his having received the Sacrament in the Protestant Congregation, and of his having taken the several Oaths to the Government according to Law, and repeating and subscribing the Test agreeable to the Directions of the Act of Parliament for the Naturalization of foreign Protestants in His Majesty's Plantations in *America*.

Mr. Rev. Gifford certified to the House, that he had qualified *Henry Gifford*, as Clerk to the several Committees of the House, in the usual Manner.

The Petition of *John Scarborough*, read the Second Time, and granted. Leave given to bring in a Bill according to Prayer.

Mr. Rev. Gifford certified to the House, that he had qualified *James Brooks* as a Committee Clerk, in the usual Manner.

Mr. E. T. T. brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, the following Report.

By the COMMITTEE of Grievances and Courts of Justice, November 22, 1769.

YOUR Committee, upon some Enquiry into the Facts set forth in the Petitions of the Prisoners of *Charles* County, against *Richard Lee*, Esq; Sheriff thereof, are of Opinion, that in order to a full Information in the several Matters complained of, it will be necessary to have the Prisoners and their Effects referred to in the Petitions; but being informed, that they or some of them are in Custody of the said Sheriff in Execution, your Committee are in Doubt, whether they can be brought up to give Evidence, without subjecting the Sheriff to an Action, or Arrest of Habeas Corpus; and therefore pray the Direction of your honourable House therein.

Signed by Order,

JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Com.

Which was read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.
Ordered, That the same be taken into Consideration To-morrow Morning.
Mr. Hall appeared in the House.

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

T H U R S D A Y, NOVEMBER 23.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.
ORDERED, That *Mr. Tyler*, *Mr. Mactall*, *Mr. Hooper*, *Mr. Beall*, *Mr. Harrison*, *Mr. Hall*, *Mr. Purnel*, *Mr. Buchanan*, *Mr. Moore*, *Mr. Griffith*, *Mr. Gantt*, *Mr. Selby*, and *Mr. William Thomas*, be a Committee to inspect into the several public Offices, and report to the House the State and Condition of them.

The Report of the Committee of Grievances read the Second Time. The House took the same into Consideration, and after some Debate thereon, referred the further Consideration thereof 'til To-morrow Morning.

The Report of the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws will expire this Session, read the Second Time.

ORDERED, That the same Committee that made the Report, do also bring in Bills for those Laws that will expire with this Session.