

F R I D A Y, October 19, 1770.

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

Mr. Hooper, Mr. Noel, and Mr. Aquila Hall, appeared in the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for empowering the Justices of Queen-Anne's and Talbot Counties, to assess the taxable Inhabitants of St. Paul's Parish, in the said Counties, the Sums of Tobacco therein mentioned, for building a Church and repairing the Chapel in the said Parish*, read a Second Time and will pass. Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Wright and Mr. Hopper.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Bill.

Mr. Wootton brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Prince-George's Parish, in Frederick and Prince-George's Counties*, praying for an immediate Division of the said Parish: Which was read the First and Second Time and rejected.

Mr. Eden brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker the Petition of *Zachariah Bond*, youngest, of *St. Mary's County*, praying to be heard on the Petition of *John Horrell* against his being relieved from his Imprisonment, and that a Day may be appointed for a Hearing, and Subpœnas issued for Witnesses: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Stepney Parish, in said Counties, the Quantity of Eighty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned*, read a Second Time and will pass. Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Allen and Mr. Selby.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Bill.

The Petition of *Zachariah Bond* was read a Second Time.

ORDERED, That a Hearing be had on the Petition of *John Horrell* on Monday the Twenty-ninth Instant; and that Subpœnas issue for the Persons mentioned in the Petition of *Zachariah Bond*, returnable to that Day.

ORDERED, That Subpœna issue for *John Brico*, Merchant, to appear at the Bar of this House on Monday the Twenty-ninth Instant, to testify on Behalf of *John Horrell*.

Mr. Goldborough, from the Committee of Accounts, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Account of *Col. Charles Hammond*, Treasurer of the West in Shore.

John Ridout, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for empowering the Justices of Queen-Anne's and Talbot Counties, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of St. Paul's Parish, in the said Counties, the Sums of Tobacco therein mentioned, for building a Church and repairing the Chapel in the said Parish*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Stepney Parish, in said Counties, the Quantity of Eighty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned*; severally endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 19, 1770: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass."

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to oblige the several County Clerks to have with them, on their Office Days, the Four last Courts Dockets and Papers*. And,

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to remedy a Defect in the Title of Bartholomew Pomeroy of London, Merchant, to a Tract or Parcel of Land, called Rencher's Adventure, lying in Prince-George's County*; severally endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 18, 1770: Read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

And thus: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 19, 1770: Read the Second Time and will pass. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bills were severally read here with the Endorsements, and past for engraving.

Mr. Ringgold brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to impose a further Duty on Negroes imported into this Province, and for the better Support of County Schools*: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned.

ORDERED, That *Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Chase, Mr. Gantt, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Deye*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Matter recommended in his Excellency's Speech, relative to the State of the criminal Law, being read;

ORDERED That *Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. W. Pava, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. N. Thomas, Mr. Allen, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Hooper*, be a Committee to consider the same, and report their Opinion thereon to the House; and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Mr. Smallwood hath Leave of Absence till Tuesday next.

The Order for taking into Consideration the several Papers communicated by his Excellency, being read;

ORDERED, That *Lord Botetourt's Letter* be read, and the same was read accordingly.

Upon reading the Order of the Day relative to that Part of the Governor's Speech recommending to this Province to join the Colony of *Virginia*, in erecting and supporting a Light-House upon *Cape Henry*, the Matter was taken into Consideration, and the House came to the following Resolutions.

RESOLVED, That the erecting and supporting a Light-House upon *Cape Henry* will be of great Utility in securing the Trade of the Colony of *Virginia* and of this Province.

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RESOLVED,