

RESOLVED, That whenever this House shall be informed of any Plan proposed by the Colony of *Virginia* for such Building, and an Estimate of the Expence thereof, they will take such Plan and Estimate into Consideration, and join the said Colony in erecting and supporting such Building, so far as it may be judged reasonable for this Province to concur therein.

RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of *Virginia* be requested to inform this House of the exact Quantity of the Tonnage of all Vessels, as well Country Bottoms as others, entering and trading into the several Parts and Places within that Colony, from any other Colony or Place, except this Province; and that the Governor be addressed to order to be laid before this House, an exact Account of the Quantity of Tonnage of all Vessels, as well Country Bottoms as others, entering and trading into this Province from any Colony or Place other than *Virginia*, that the same may be transmitted to the House of Burgesses of that Colony.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker enclose a Copy of these Resolutions to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of *Virginia*, and request him to lay the same before that House at their next Meeting.

George Steuart, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petition of *Nehemiah Tilghman* and *Solomon Townsend*, and the Petition of *Ijaac Murray*, together with several other Papers: Which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Gale* hath Leave of Absence.

ORDERED, That the several Papers communicated by his Excellency, relative to *Indian Affairs*, be read, and the same was read accordingly.

Upon reading the Papers relative to *Indian Affairs*, laid before this House, by the Governor, at the Opening of this Session, the same were taken into Consideration, and the House came to the following Resolution.

RESOLVED, That this House, not having received a direct Notification of his Majesty's gracious Intentions to commit the Regulation and Management of the *Indian Trade* to the Colonies, and judging this Province not to be immediately interested therein, do not esteem it necessary to appoint Commissioners to attend a general Meeting on that Subject.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *J. Hall*, Mr. *Chase*, Mr. *Dickenson*, Mr. *W. Paca*, and Mr. *Tilghman*, do prepare and bring in the Address to his Excellency, relative to the several Papers communicated by him at the Opening this Session.

Mr. *Ringgold* and Mr. *Wootton* have Leave of Absence till Monday next.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning VIII o'Clock.

S A T U R D A Y, October 20, 1770.

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

The Petitions delivered to Mr. Speaker Yesterday, by *George Steuart*, Esq; were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Petition of the Subscribing Inhabitants of *Baltimore County* to the Upper House of Assembly, being read, the Serjeant at Arms returned the Order of this House of the Thirteenth Instant: thus endorsed: "I hereby depute
" *Philip Meroney* to serve the within Precept; witness my Hand this Fifteenth Day of Oct. 1770.

ROBERT SANDERS, Serjeant at Arms.

" *Cepl. R. Alexander, James Sterrett, John Smith, John Purviance, Jacob Myers, John Hart,*
" *William Spear, Dr. Weisenthal, Thomas Jones.* PHILIP MERONEY."

" *N. E. Samuel Owings, Benjamin Rogers, Jonathan Plowman, Richard Moale, Charles Ridgeley,*
" *William Ottey, John Dodge, Dr. Boyd.* PHILIP MERONEY."

ORDERED, That the said Petition, and the Resolve of the House upon the same, be read, and the same were read accordingly.

The House being informed that Mr. *John Smith*, Mr. *John Purviance*, and Mr. *James Sterrett*, were attending at the Door, in Obedience to the Order of this House of Saturday last,

ORDERED, That they be called in, and they appeared accordingly.

ORDERED, That the said Petition and the Resolve of the House upon the same, be read, and they were read accordingly.

Then Mr. *John Smith* being called upon, appeared, and alleged, that he never signed the said Petition, or was privy or assenting to the same; and that he was at *Carlisle*, in *Pennsylvania*, at the Time he understood the Petition was signed; and then he was ordered to withdraw.

Mr. *John Purviance* being called upon, appeared, and alleged, that he never signed the said Petition, or was privy or assenting to the same; and then he was ordered to withdraw.

Mr. *James Sterrett* being called upon, appeared, and alleged, that when ill in Bed, Mrs. *Sterrett* informed him, that Mr. *Jones* and some Gentlemen were waiting upon him to sign a Petition to the Governor and Assembly, relating to the Election of *Baltimore County*: That upon being told by Mrs. *Sterrett*, that the Gentlemen attending informed her, that all the Gentlemen in Town were subscribing the said Petition, he then told Mrs. *Sterrett*, that the Gentlemen attending might put his Name to the same; but that he never saw the said Petition, or was acquainted