

286 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, SEPTEMBER 1770.

William Hayward, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Petition of *Francis Baker* of *Cecil* County, praying that Part of the Lands of *Henry Baker*, late of *Cecil* County, deceased, might be sold, for the Payment of the Debts of the said *Henry Baker*: Which was read.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, to the House. And,

Mr. *N. Thomas*, Mr. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Ward*, and Mr. *Gilpin*, are appointed a Committee accordingly; and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

On reading a Second Time the Petition of *Nehemiah Tilghman* and *Solomon Townsend*, ORDERED, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, to the House.

And, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Hooper*, and Mr. *J. Dashiell* are appointed a Committee accordingly; and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

Mr. *Deye* and Mr. *Contee* have Leave of Absence till Monday next.

Mr. *Key* hath Leave of Absence.

The House adjourns till Monday Morning VIII o'Clock.

M O N D A Y, October 22, 1770.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called and all appeared as on Saturday, except Mr. *Gantt*, Mr. *Contee*, Mr. *Deye*, and Mr. *Key*. The Proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. *Johnson* and Mr. *Wootton* appeared in the House.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Letter to him directed, signed *C. Weisenthal*: Which was ordered to be read, and it was read accordingly, and is as followeth:

HONOURABLE SIR,

I WAS ordered to appear, on Saturday next, at the Bar of the honourable the Lower House of Assembly, there to answer my signing a certain Petition, &c. I am, however, extremely sorry that it is out of my Power to show my ready Obedience to the Commands of the honourable House, since my Absence from Town, for the present, might prove fatal to several Patients now dangerously ill in this Town; therefore, whatever Displeasure I may have had the Misfortune to incur, I can assure the whole House, that I am to this Moment quite ignorant of the Contents of the said Petition, having never had Time, especially at the Time of Signature, to read it, on account of the Hurry. I am no leading Man of this Town, and it was a mere Accident that I signed it at all. As a Doctor, I was desired by the Town to have my Deposition taken concerning the Small-Pox, then under my Hands; and this was the Motive which brought me into this Town Meeting. After the finishing of this Business, the Petition was laid before me for signing, there seeing so many respectable Names before me already signed, and such Names, of whom I, as a Foreigner, must suppose that they know what ought to be done, as they are Natives of this Country. If then I have, without Intention, and even without knowing it, done amiss, I most humbly make my Submission, and beg the honourable House to overlook the Offence on the above recited Accounts.

*I am, with all due Respect, honourable S I R,
your most obedient humble Servant,*

*To the honourable Edward Tilghman, Esq;
Speaker of the honourable the House of Assembly, in Annapolis.*

C. WEISENTHAL.

Baltimore-Town, October 18, 1770.

Mr. *Tilghman* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province*: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Chafe* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, and Address to his Excellency, which was read, approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

William Hayward, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Regulation of Officers Fees*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 17, 1770: 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, October 22, 1770: Read the Second Time and will not pass.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

And the following Message:

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, 22d of October 1770.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have returned the Bill, entitled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Regulation of Officers Fees*, with a Negative; but should you think proper to consent to such Amendments, as may agree with the following Propositions, our Assent shall be given.

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