

House; severally endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 23, 1770: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bills were read here and pass for engrossing.

Mr. *W. Paca* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to hold the Election of Representatives for Baltimore County at the Places therein mentioned*: Which was read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass. Sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Aquila Hall* and Mr. *Matthews*.

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

*William Fitzhugh*, and *William Hayward*, Esqrs. from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of this House immediately in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, (and with the rest of the Members of this House) went to the Upper House, and there presented to his Excellency the following engrossed Bills, viz.

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.

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.

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

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.

All which his Excellency pass into Laws in the usual Manner.

Mr. Speaker (with the rest of the Members) returned and resumed the Chair.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message:

G E N T L E M E N,

October 23, 1770.

FROM the Urgency of the Business you had before you, I could not expect your taking the Matters recommended to you into Consideration sooner than you have now done

I am obliged to you for the Copy of your Resolutions, and your Appointment of a Committee to look into the State of the criminal Laws, which cannot fail being acceptable to the Province.

You shall have the most exact and earliest Account I can give you, to enable you to carry your Design of joining the *Virginians* in erecting and supporting the Light-House on *Cape-Henry* into Execution.

ROBERT EDEN.

Mr. *Luckett* delivers to Mr. Speaker the Petition of the Inhabitants of *St. Paul's* Parish, in *Frederick* County, praying for a Division of that Parish: Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Heugh* delivers to Mr. Speaker the Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of *Prince George's* Parish, lying partly in *Frederick* and partly in *Prince-George's* County, praying a Division thereof: Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Mackall* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report, viz.

By the COMMITTEE appointed to examine into the Truth of the several Facts alleged in the Petition of *Abraham Barnes*, of *St. Mary's* County.

IN Obedience to the Order of the honourable House, your Committee have examined into the Truth of the said Facts, and do find them as follows, viz. That on the Tenth Day of *January*, in the Year Sixteen Hundred Forty-two, the then Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, granted the Lands in the said Petition mentioned, unto a certain *Thomas Weston*, of *Plymouth*, in *New-England*, and his Heirs: That the said *Thomas Weston* died, leaving Issue *Elizabeth Weston*, his only Child and Heir at Law: That the said *Elizabeth Weston* married a certain *Roger Conant*, of *New-England*, by whom she had Issue *John Conant*, her Son and Heir at Law: That afterwards, on or about the Fifteenth Day of *March* Seventeen Hundred and Thirty-six, the said *John Conant*, the Son and Heir of the said *Roger Conant* and *Elizabeth*, his Wife, by a Writing on the Grant aforesaid, purporting to be an Assignment for the Consideration of the natural Love and Affection which he had for his Kinsman *Josiah Conant*, of *Mansfield*, in the County of *Windham*, and Colony of *Connecticut*, in *New-England*; and also for the further Consideration of One Thousand Pounds, *New-England* Money, made over the said Lands to the said *Josiah Conant*, which said Writing does not appear to have been executed: That afterwards, on or about the Fourteenth Day of *May* Seventeen Hundred and Thirty six, the said *John Conant*, by Deed properly executed and acknowledged, in *New-England*, for the Consideration of natural Love and Affection, and also for the further Consideration of One Thousand Pounds, *New-England* Money, conveyed the same Lands to the said *Josiah Conant* and his Heirs, who, by Virtue thereof, was in Possession of the said Lands: That the said *Josiah Conant*, on or about the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth of *September* Seventeen Hundred and Thirty-seven, leased the said Land to several Persons, for and during the Term of Fourteen Years: That the said *Josiah Conant* did by Deed, bearing Date on or about the Ninth of *November* Seventeen Hundred and Forty five, and acknowledged in *Boston* the Eleventh Day of *November* Seventeen Hundred and Forty-five, for the Consideration of Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Pounds *Boston* Money, convey the same Lands unto a certain *William Thornton* of *Anne-Arundel* County, and his Heirs; but that the Acknowledgment on the said Deed of Conveyance