

The Report of the Committee, appointed to inspect the several publick Offices, &c. is further referred for Consideration till To-morrow Morning.

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

S A T U R D A Y, October 27, 1770.

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

Mr. *Bordley* and Mr. *Smallwood* appeared in the House.

Mr. *William Adams*, a Delegate returned to serve in this present Session of Assembly for *Somerset* County, appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Dashiell* do go with that Gentleman to the Upper House to see him qualified.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner. The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

On a Second reading the Petition of *Alexander Cumming*, 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. *Worthington*, Mr. *Griffith*, Mr. *W. Paca*, and Mr. *J. Hall*, are appointed a Committee accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide St. John's Parish in Baltimore County*, and the Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide St. George's Parish in Baltimore County*, severally read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass. Sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Aquila Hall* and Mr. *J. Paca*.

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

*J. Beale Bordley*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Petition of *James Gill*, praying Relief from Jail; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 27, 1770: Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

The Petition of *Jane Brown* was read.

Mr. *Gresham* hath Leave of Absence till Tuesday next.

Mr. *J. Hall* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to ease the Inhabitants of this Province in the Payment of Attornies Fees*: Which was read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass.

The Serjeant at Arms returned the several Orders of this House, of the Twentieth Instant, against the subscribing Inhabitants of *Baltimore County* to the *Baltimore* Petition; thus endorsed:

"I hereby depute *Philip Meroney* to serve the within Precept; witness my Hand this Twentieth Day of *October*, 1770. ROBERT SANDERS, Serjeant at Arms.

"CEPI. Doctor *Boyd*, *Richard Moale*. N. E. *Charles Ridgely*, Doctor *Dodge*, *Jonathan Plowman*, *W. Ottey*, *Samuel Owings*, *Benjamin Rogers*. PHILIP MERONEY."

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"CEPI. Doctor *Weisenthal*, *John Hart*, *R. Alexander*, N. E. *Thomas Jones*. PHILIP MERONEY."

The House being informed, that Mr. *John Hart* and Mr. *Jacob Myers* were attending at the Door, in Obedience to the Order of this House of the Twentieth Instant,

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

ORDERED, That the Copy of the Petition, signed by the Inhabitants of *Baltimore County*, preferred to the Upper House last Session, and the Resolve of this House upon the Letter, which Mr. Speaker communicated last Saturday, be read, and they were read accordingly.

The said *John Hart* and *Jacob Myers* were then asked, What Excuse they had to offer to the House for their having signed the said Petition? They answered, that the Petition was brought to them by several Gentlemen of *Baltimore Town*, who asked them if they would sign a Petition to the Assembly about the Election; that they, being ignorant of the Contents of the same, put their Names to it. The House accepted the Excuse.

ORDERED, That they be discharged, upon paying Fees.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Beall* and Mr. *Gantt* be a Committee, to tax the Fees arising against the said *John Hart* and *Jacob Myers*, upon the Orders of this House.

RESOLVED, That no Member have Leave of Absence, without Sickness or other unavoidable Accident.

Mr. *Ringgold* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to invest Isaac Perkins with an exclusive Privilege and Benefit of making and selling a Machine for threshing of Wheat, on a Model by him invented*: Which was read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to impose a further Duty on Negroes imported into this Province, and for the better Support of County Schools*, was read a Second Time, and will pass.

The Order of the Day, for taking into Consideration the Variation of the Compass, &c. being read, the same is referred for Consideration on Monday Morning.