

“ Time of Servitude of such Debtor or Debtors, and that the respective Sheriffs, in whose Custody the aforesaid Debtor, or any of them are, be and are hereby authorized and obliged to summon Two Justices of the Peace in the respective Counties, at the Request of the said Prisoners, as soon as conveniently may be, after the End of this Session of Assembly; and after giving Five Days Notice, at the Court-Houses of the respective Counties, of the intended Sale of such Debtor or Debtors, expose to Sale, in the Presence of the said Justices, such Debtor or Debtors, and the Time of his or their Servitude to the highest Bidder; and the Money arising from such Sale, shall be as Effects of such Debtor or Debtors, in the Hands of the respective Sheriffs, subject as aforesaid, to a Distribution in Manner aforesaid; and the Sale and Service of such Debtor or Debtors, as aforesaid, is hereby directed to be taken as full and sufficient Acquital and Discharge against all Debts due from such Debtor or Debtors before such Sale. *Provided*, That in Case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the said Justices, that any of the said Debtors have offered, since their Confinement, to make Satisfaction to their Creditors, by Servitude, and that their Creditors have refused to accept the same, that the Time such Debtors have been confined in Prison shall be deemed and taken as Part of the aforesaid Five Years, and that they shall be obliged to serve only for such Time as will complete Five Years from the Day of such Offer of Servitude; and that in Case any such single Persons, as aforesaid, have been confined in Prison for Five Years, or any longer Time, that the said Persons so confined, shall be discharged upon the same Terms, and in the same Manner that Persons having Families are by this Act directed to be discharged.”

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, to pay to John Duckett, William Mills, and John Peacock, the Sums of Money therein mentioned*; thus endorsed: “ By the Upper House of Assembly, November 10, 1770: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass, with the following Amendment. Leave out all that relates to the Payment of One Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars to Mr. John Duckett, and let an Allowance be made to him in the Journal, in the same Manner as Allowances have been usually made to others for similar Services. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.”

Which were read here with the Amendments, and ordered to lie on the Table.
John Ridout, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act empowering Edward Tilghman, Solomon Wright, and others, to sell certain Lands devised by Colonel Vincent Lowe, formerly of Talbot County, to be sold for the Purposes by the said Devise intended*; thus endorsed: “ By the Upper House of Assembly, November 10, 1770: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.”

Which was read here and passed for engrossing.
The House adjourns till Monday Morning VIII o'Clock.

M O N D A Y, November 12, 1770.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

The honourable *Brice Thomas Beale Worthington*, Esq; having signified that he was unable to attend the Business of the House, Mr. *N. Thomas* and Mr. *Mackall* are ordered to acquaint his Excellency, that this House is without a Speaker.

John Ridout, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaints the Members of the Lower House, that the Governor requires their Attendance in the Upper House.

The Members of the Lower House accordingly attended his Excellency in the Upper House, where his Excellency required them to return to their House and choose a Speaker.

The Members of the Lower House accordingly returned, and unanimously made Choice of *Edward Tilghman*, Esq; to be their Speaker, and placed him in the Chair.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Hollyday* and Mr. *Grahame* do acquaint the Governor, that this House hath made Choice of a Speaker.

John Beale Bordley, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaints the Members of the Lower House, that the Governor requires their Attendance to present their Speaker.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House, where the Members of the Lower House presented their Speaker.

His Excellency approved the Choice.

Mr. Speaker (with the Members of the Lower House) returned. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Members were called and all appeared as on Saturday. The Proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. *Allen* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to remedy the Omission of the Enrollment of a Deed of Bargain and Sale from Thomas Collier to Thomas Lightfoot, William Lightfoot, Abraham Mitchell, Walter Franklin, and Samael Franklin*: Which was read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Luckett* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide All-Saints Parish in Frederick County, and to erect Two new Parishes, by the Names of Eden Parish and Frederick Parish*: Which was read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Worthington* and Mr. *Purnell* appeared in the House.

Mr. *Ringgold* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report:

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