

324 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1770.

The engrossed Bill, N^o. 7, read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Mr. N. Thomas and Mr. Ware.

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

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to examine into the Truth of the Facts contained in the Petition of Henrietta Rogers, Mother and natural Guardian of Nicholas Rogers, an Infant, November 16, 1770.

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report to your honourable House, that it appears to your Committee, by an attested Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Nicholas Rogers, late of Baltimore-Town, deceased, that the same Nicholas Rogers devised the Two Lots of Ground mentioned in the said Petition, to the aforesaid Nicholas Rogers, the Son, in Fee: That the said Nicholas, the Devisee, is an Infant, now about Seventeen Years of Age: That the said Lots are very little improved, and in their present State yield but small Profit; and though your Committee do not know how much annual Ground Rent the said Lots might be lett for, yet, from the very high Ground Rent at which small Parcels of Ground, in Baltimore-Town, are demised at, on long Leases renewable for ever, your Committee are of Opinion, that the granting the Prayer of the said Petition will be much to the Interest of the Infant.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your honourable House.

Signed per Order,

RALPH DOBINSON, Cl.

Which was read and concurred with.

The Petition of Henrietta Rogers read a Second Time and granted.

Leave given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Mr. Johnson delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower Henrietta Rogers, Mother and natural Guardian of Nicholas Rogers, an Infant, to demise Part of the real Estate devised to him by Nicholas Rogers, his Father, late of Baltimore-Town, deceased, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

The Bill for the Relief of certain Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned, and the Message brought in this Day by Mr. Ringgold, were sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Tyler.

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

ORDERED, That Samuel Luckett do pay unto Henry Barkley, the Sum of Four Pounds Five Shillings current Money, in Dollars at Seven Shillings and Sixpence each, for Nine Days Attendance as an Evidence in Support of the Complaint of Samuel Luckett against John Addison, Sheriff of Prince-George's County, and for Eight Days itinerant Charges under Two different Summonses.

Mr. Tilghman brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to his Excellency, which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of the Poor within the several Counties therein mentioned;* thus enforced: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 16, 1770: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, in this House, and will pass.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which was read here and passed for engrossing.

John Beale Bordley, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message:

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, November 16, 1770.

GENTLEMEN,

BEING desirous of removing, as far as we can, all Misunderstanding, we must take the Liberty to recapitulate what has past in our Intercourse on the Inspection Bill, in order to shew the proper State to which the Matter has been brought.

We returned the Bill, with a Negative and Message in the last Session, under an Expectation that the Proposal of a Conference would come from your House, as happened on a similar Proceeding in the Years 1745 and 1766.

No Proposal of a Conference having been made by your House, we inferred that you were averse from making the first Overture, and therefore, on our Part, pursuing the Method observed in 1747, we made it.

Had a Conference been the Consequence of this Proposal, the Bill, in all its Parts, would have been the Subject, but you declined to engage in a Conference on these general Terms, or on Amendments we might Propose, before you had them in on one View.

On your Intimation of this Circumstance, we informed you, in our last Message, what our Conferrees would have received in Charge, as Instructions to regulate their Conduct, had a Conference ensued on the Proposal we first made for the Purpose.

If a Conference had been proposed by your House, we should at once have joined you therein, and instructed our Conferrees in the Manner abovementioned on this Consideration. There has been long Experience of the Regulation of Fees contained in the Inspection Act. It was established on much Deliberation. It has been continued by many different Assemblies. On these Circumstances, a Presumption arises that the old Regulation was, in the Main, well adapted to the Subject; but you having observed, in your Message of the 12th Instant, that many Abuses in the Charges under the old Regulation had fallen within your Notice, and "that you had endeavoured to obviate the Pretences you esteem to be Abuses," we therefore have informed you,