

cock, we have not the least Objection, and therefore return the Bill to you, either to adopt or reject our Amendment. If, by saying that the Journal of Accounts was sent up "for our Assent only," you mean that we are to be restrained from examining into the Justice or Reasonableness of the several Allowances therein made, from making Objections to any that may, in our Opinion, be liable thereto, or insisting on the Insertion of such others as ought, according to our Notions of Right and Justice, to have a Place there, we do not wish to have the Journal sent us again on such Terms: If it comes, be assured we shall (as the Upper House has hitherto done since the Mode of leaving it to a Committee of both Houses to adjust the publick Accounts was dropped) consider it as our Right and our Duty to inspect the Journal, and prevent the Province being burthened with any unjust, or the just Claims of publick Creditors being excluded. We admit, Gentlemen, that the Journal happened to be with us at the Time it was thought expedient to put an End to the late Session of Assembly, but had your Committee of Accounts been inclined to proceed to Business this Session, the same Measure might have been satisfactory now which was pursued after the Sessions of 1745 and 1760, when the Journal was left in the Upper House, neither assented to nor rejected; but although the Journal was very early in this Session delivered to one of your Members, you did not think fit to receive it.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which was read the First Time; and the Amendment proposed to the Bill was read, and unanimously rejected.

Mr. J. Paca brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of Flour, Staves and Shingles, not merchantable, from the Town of Baltimore, in Baltimore County, and to regulate the Weight of Hay and Measure of Grain, Salt, Flax-seed, and Fire-Wood within the said Town.*

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Beall brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report:

By the COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE, November 20, 1770.

YOUR Committee, upon the Complaint of several Persons of *Prince-George's* and *Charles* Counties, of excessive Charges of the Deputy Surveyors of those Counties, for Resurveyings made by Virtue of Warrants from the Land-Office, have examined the Accounts of *John Frederick Augustus Priggs*, Deputy Surveyor of *Prince-George's* County, against *John Lowe*, Sen. *John Hamilton*, *James Edmonston*, and *Benjamin Belt*, Jun. and the Accounts of *Theophilus Hanson*, late Deputy Surveyor of *Charles* County, against *Henry Hardy*, Jun. *William Hayes*, and *John Smith*, Sen. aforesaid, by which it appears, that said *Priggs*, for resurveying Two small Tracts of Land, and adding 182½ Acres of contiguous Vacancy, amounting, in the whole, to 408½ Acres, hath made an Excess of Charge to the Amount of above 1600^{lb} of Tobacco; which Excess your Committee find principally arises on the Surveyor's charging not only for the Tracts they are directed by Warrant to resurvey, but also for resurveying and laying down, by Way of Illustration, all the Tracts adjacent, and by charging for every Piece of Vacancy added, as if they were so many distinct Tracts; and in most Instances, your Committee, from their Observations of the Manner of ascertaining the Location of adjacent and neighbouring Tracts, whereby to ascertain the Vacancy intended to be taken up, are apprehensive, that where only a few Lines of elder Tracts are run, and the rest are only plotted, or where, as is common, the Lines of the elder are also Lines of the younger, and consequently there is, nor needs, in Fact, be but one Running, the whole of such elder Tracts are charged for as for Resurvey thereof.

Your Committee also beg Leave to report, that it appears to them, by Two Accounts of *Arnold Elzey*, Deputy Surveyor of *Somerset* County, that for his only Plotting, or laying down a Tract of Land, called *Hogdown*, containing 450 Acres, in Three Positions, on a Warrant from the Provincial Court, between *Thomas Bashaw's* Lessee, and *Sarah Thornes*, and for Plots and Certificates thereof, the said *Elzey* charged the said Parties 1627½^{lb} Tobacco, as by Plot and Accounts herewith annexed: Which Acts and Proceedings are, in the Opinion of your Committee, very illegal and oppressive, and not warranted by the late Regulation of Fees, or any other Law; but is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the honourable House.

Signed by Order,

RALPH DOBINSON, Cl.

William Hayward, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Nicholas Rogers, an Infant, to demise the real Estate therein mentioned*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 20, 1770: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass, with the following Amendments, viz. Add, in the Preamble, after the Word "Estate," in the 13th Line, the following Words, viz. "not less than One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling." And after the Word "him" in the Fifteenth Line of the last Page, add the following Words, viz. "and that not less than the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling be reserved, in the whole, on the Ground subject to be leased or demised as aforesaid."

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which was read with the Amendments, and passed for engrossing.

Also the Paper Bill, No. 8; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 16, 1770. The engrossed Bill, whereof this is the Original, read and assented to."

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

And the Paper Bill, No. 9; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 19, 1770. The engrossed Bill, whereof this is the Original, read and assented to."

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

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