

Mr. Speaker reports to the House the following Certificates.

ANNE-ARUNDEL I HEREBY certify, that on the 10th Day of *October*, 1771, came *John* County, *ff.* *Courts Jones* before me the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace of the said County, and took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and took the following Oath, viz. " I " *John Courts Jones do swear, that I will true Entries make of all such Matters and Things as shall* " *be to me directed by any Committee of the Lower House of Assembly, for whom I shall act as Clerk, and* " *that I will not divulge the Secrets of the said House, or of any Committee thereof, but will in all Things* " *well and truly demean myself according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge.* R. GHISELIN."

ANNE-ARUNDEL I HEREBY certify, that on the 10th Day of *October*, 1771, came County, *ff.* *James Hackman* before me the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace of the said County, and took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and took the following Oath, viz. " I *James Hackman do swear, that I will true Entries make of all such Matters and Things* " *as shall be to me directed by any Committee of the Lower House of Assembly, for whom I shall act as* " *Clerk, and that I will not divulge the Secrets of the said House, or of any Committee thereof, but will* " *in all Things well and truly demean myself according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge.* " R. GHISELIN."

The House being informed, that Mr. *Francis Ware*, a Delegate returned for *Charles County*, was attending at the Door; ORDERED, That Mr. *Smallwood*, and Mr. *Hawkins*, 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 takes his Seat in the House.

Mr. *Hammond* being sick hath Leave of Absence.

The House was moved, that a Resolve of the Lower House of Assembly of the 22d Day of *November* 1763, respecting Parish Petitions, be read; and it was read accordingly.

Mr. *Wootton* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for vesting in such foreign Protestants as are now naturalized, or shall be hereafter naturalized in this Province, all the Rights and Privileges of natural born Subjects*: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

ORDERED, That the Remonstrance of the Magistrates of *Charles County*, which was referred from last Session to this Day, be read; and it was read accordingly.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to aid the Defects in the Records of *Charles County*; and that Mr. *Hall*, Mr. *Smallwood*, Mr. *Harrison*, Mr. *Ware*, Mr. *Hawkins*, and Mr. *Tilghman*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for more effectually preventing the buying and selling of Offices, and to prevent simoniacal Contracts; and that Mr. *Chase*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Dennis*, Mr. *Hawkins*, Mr. *Tilghman*, and Mr. *Hall*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province; and that Mr. *Chase*, and Mr. *Tilghman*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.*

S A T U R D A Y, *October* 12th, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday, except Mr. *Hammond*. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. *Owings* being indisposed, hath Leave of the House to go home.

The Bill for vesting in such foreign Protestants as are now naturalized, or shall be hereafter naturalized in this Province, all the Rights and Privileges of natural born Subjects, was read a Second Time and will pass

Mr. *W. Thomas* hath Leave of Absence for a few Days on his private Affairs.

Mr. *T. Wright*, Mr. *Gresham*, Mr. *Risteau*, and Mr. *Moale*, have Leave of Absence till Monday next.

Mr. *Allen Quynn*, in whose Stead Mr. *William Goldsmith* qualified as Serjeant, attended in the House; whereupon the said *Goldsmith* is discharged from any further Attendance.

*The House adjourns till Monday Morning 9 o'Clock.*

M O N D A Y, 14th *October*, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Saturday, except Mr. *Sim*, Mr. *Gresham*, Mr. *T. Wright*, Mr. *W. Thomas*, and Mr. *Owings*. The Proceedings of Saturday were read.

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