

14 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1771.

Mr. Mackall and Mr. Moale appear in the House.

The 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*, sent to the Upper House by Mr. Wootton and Mr. Lockett.

Mr. Hall brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees*: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of several subscribing Clergymen of the Church of England, as established in Maryland, in Behalf of themselves and their Brethren, setting forth, that the Clergy of this Province, under the Sanction of a Law made in 1704, continued, save a very short Interruption, to receive the 40 per Poll to the Year 1747; when, by an Act, entitled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, &c.* which expired in 1770, they received but 30 in lieu of the 40 per Poll settled upon them, in Perpetuity, by the Crown of England, by and with the Advice and Consent of the General Assembly; and praying the House, that in framing a new Law, such Attention will be shewn to the Petitioners as is consistent with their legal Rights: Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

And a Petition of Mary Louttit, Executrix and Relict of James Louttit of Cecil County, deceased, praying that an Act may pass to empower her to dispose of One Third Part of about Twenty Acres of Land, and a Grist-Mill, (which her late Husband died seised of) and apply the Money arising on such Sale towards the Payment of her said Husband's Debts: Which was read.

ORDERED, That the same 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. Baxter, Mr. Ward, Mr. Veazy, and Mr. Tilghman, are appointed a Committee accordingly; and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire what Laws will expire at the Close of this Session, October 12th, 1771.

YOUR Committee find, that the following Acts of Assembly will expire at the End of this Session, if not continued, viz.

An Act for the Preservation of the Breed of Fish, passed May Session 1768.

An Act for reviving and continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act to establish a Market, at the Market House in Chester-Town, in Kent County, and for the Regulation of the said Market*, passed May Session 1768.

An Act for licensing Ordinary-Keepers, Hawkers, Pedlers and Petty Chapmen, passed May Session 1768.

An Act for amending and declaring the Law in the Cases therein mentioned, passed May Session 1768.

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

Signed per Order,

JOHN C. JONES, Cl.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

William Fitzhugh, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the 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*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 14th, 1771: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bill was read here, and passed for engrossing.

Mr. Wootton brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the said Bill engrossed: Which was read and assented to.

The Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Petition of Robert Henley Courts, against Mr. Francis Ware and Mr. Josias Hawkins, Two Delegates returned for Charles County, being read; the House was moved, that the Resolves of the Lower House of Assembly of the 22d June 1768, for preventing Charge and Expence in Elections of Members to serve in the General Assembly, be read; and they were read accordingly.

The House took into Consideration the Petition of Robert Henley Courts against Mr. Francis Ware, and after Examination of several Witnesses at the Bar, the sitting Members withdrew, and the House RESOLVED, That Francis Ware is guilty of treating at the late Election for Charles County; and the Question was put, That Mr. Francis Ware is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this General Assembly for Charles County? Resolved in the Negative.

The House took into Consideration the said Petition against Mr. Josias Hawkins, and after Examination of several Witnesses, at the Bar, RESOLVED, That Josias Hawkins is guilty of treating at the late Election for Charles County; and the Question was put, That Mr. Josias Hawkins is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this General Assembly for Charles County? Resolved in the Negative.

ORDERED, That the sitting Members be called in; and they appeared at the Bar accordingly.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do acquaint the Gentlemen with the Resolutions of the House, and inform them, that they are discharged from any further Attendance as Members of this House. Which he accordingly did.

ORDERED, That Mr. Francis Ware and Mr. Josias Hawkins do pay the Charge arising due on the said Petition.

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