

16 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1771.

ORDERED, That the same be referred for Consideration on the Second Tuesday of next Session.

ORDERED, That the Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Report of the 20th November last, relative to *Anne Gaither*, be read; and it was read accordingly.

Upon Consideration of the said Report, Leave is given to bring in a Bill for the Relief of *Anne Gaither*.

ORDERED, That Mr. Hall and Mr. Paca do prepare and bring in the same.

*George Steuart*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Adjournment and Continuance of the High Court of Appeals*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 15th, 1771: 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.

Mr. Wootton brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Prince George's and Frederick Counties, to levy on the taxable Persons of Prince George's Parish, in said Counties, the Sum of Ninety-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for building a new Parish Church, at or near the Place where the old one now stands*: Which was read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass. Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Wootton and Mr. Beatty.

ORDERED, That no Claims be received against the Publick after Tuesday the 22d Instant, and that the Journal of Accounts be closed to that Day.

Mr. Dennis brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill for more effectually preventing the buying and selling of Offices, and to prevent simoniacal Contracts: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for raising Pence Sterling on every Hoghead of Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Support of an Agent at London, for the Service of this Province; and that Mr. Beall, Mr. Dennis, and Mr. Grahame, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Beall brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the said Bill.

*Daniel of St. Thomas Fenifer*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Petitions of sundry languishing Prisoners, with a List of their Names: Which List was thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 15th, 1771: Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly, the Petitions of the several Prisoners, of which this is a List.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

The engrossed Bills, No. 1, and 2, were sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills thereof, by Mr. Wootton and Mr. Beatty.

On Motion, the Clergy Petition was read a Second Time, and the Consideration thereof referred till the Second Reading the Bill for amending the Staple of Tobacco, &c.

The House appoint Mr. James Brooks a Committee Clerk.

ORDERED, That he be qualified.

Mr. Allen brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province*: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, October 16th, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. Johnson, Mr. Earle, and Mr. Tilghman, appeared in the House.

*George Plater*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Prince George's and Frederick Counties, to levy on the taxable Persons of Prince George's Parish, in said Counties, the Sum of Ninety-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for building a new Parish Church, at or near the Place where the old one now stands*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 16th, 1771: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

*Daniel Dulany*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Paper Bills No. 1 and 2, severally endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 15th, 1771: The engrossed Bill, whereof this is the Original, read and assented to.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

*George Steuart*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of the Vestrymen and Churchwardens of *Stepney Parish*, in *Somerset* and *Worcester* Counties, praying an Act may pass, to empower the Justices of those Counties to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of said Parish Sixty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for finishing and compleating Three Chapels of Ease in the said Parish. And,

A Petition of the said Vestrymen and Churchwardens, and sundry other Parishioners of said Parish, praying an Act may pass to establish and confirm the Church at *Green-hill* the Parish Church for the aforesaid Parish.

*Benedict*