

M O N D A Y, October 21st, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Saturday, except Mr. *Moale*, Mr. *Earle*, Mr. *Jordan*, Mr. *So. Wright*, and Mr. *Wootton*. The Proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. *Rumsey* and Mr. *N. Thomas* appeared in the House.

Mr. *Tilghman* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for imposing a further additional Duty of Pounds current Money per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province*: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Beall* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the building a Parish Church in Queen-Anne Parish, in Prince-George's County*: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House being informed that Mr. *Theophilus Hanson* was attending at the Door, in Obedience to the Order of the 10th Instant: ORDERED, That he be called in, and he appeared at the Bar accordingly.

ORDERED, That the Report from the Committee of Grievances of the 20th November 1770, be read; and it was read accordingly.

Mr. *Hanson*, agreeable to the above Order, produced to the House the Instructions he received from *Horatio Sharpe*, Esq; Surveyor-General of the Western Shore, in the Year 1767.

ORDERED, That they be read; and they were read accordingly.

He also produced additional Instructions from Mr. *George Lee*.

ORDERED, That they be read; and they were read accordingly.

It appearing that the said *Theophilus Hanson*, although he had charged excessive Fees, seemed rather to have followed the Charges of others, than to have had any real Intention of Extortion, and that he had not received those excessive Charges; therefore he is discharged.

Mr. *Grahame* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for licensing Ordinary-Keepers, Hawkers, Pedlers and Petty Chapmen*: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

T U E S D A Y, October 22d, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday, except Mr. *Hall*. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read. Mr. *Moale* appeared in the House.

The Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee of Grievances of the 19th November last, being read; ORDERED, That the same be taken into Consideration on Tuesday the 29th Instant.

ORDERED, That the Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Expediency and the Ways and Means of issuing Bills of Credit, for the Improvement of the Province and the Advancement of the Trade thereof, be read, and it was read accordingly.

The Question was put, that the House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Expediency and the Ways and Means of issuing Bills of Credit, for the Improvement of the Province and the Advancement of the Trade thereof? Resolved in the Affirmative.

The House resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Worthington*, Chairman of the said Committee, made the following Report.

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that for transacting the Business and carrying on the Commerce and Trade of this Province, it is expedient and necessary that there be a further Emission of Bills of Credit: That Bills of Credit be struck to the Amount of 270,000 Dollars; of which 266,666 $\frac{2}{3}$ of a Dollar be emitted: That the said Bills of Credit be circulated by Way of Loan, upon real and personal Security.

Mr. *Worthington* also reported, that the said Committee prayed they might have Leave to sit again on Friday next.

RESOLVED, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into further Consideration the Expediency and the Ways and Means of issuing Bills of Credit, for the Improvement of the Province and the Advancement of the Trade thereof.

The House being informed that Mr. *John Frederick Augustus Priggs* was attending at the Door, in Obedience to the Order of the 10th Instant.

ORDERED, That he be called in, and he appeared at the Bar accordingly.

ORDERED, That the Report of the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice of the 20th November 1770, be read; and it was read accordingly.

ORDERED, That *John Frederick Augustus Priggs* have a Copy of the said Report upon his Application to the Clerk of this House; and also Summons's for such Evidences as he may apply for. On Application of Mr. *Priggs*, Leave is given him to make his Defence in Writing.

ORDERED, That the Matter be heard at the Bar of this House on Thursday next, at the Sitting of the House.

Mr. *Handy* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Stepney Parish, in said*