

*said Counties, the Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned: Which was read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and committed for Amendment.*

The Petition of the Vestrymen, Churchwardens and Parishioners of *Stepney Parish*, praying that an Act may pass to establish and confirm the Church at *Green-hill* the Parish Church, was read the Second Time and granted.

ORDERED, That *Benjamin Belt* and *John Hamilton* have Summons's for all such Evidences as they may apply for to the Clerk of this House.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better regulating Attachments; and that Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Dennis*, Mr. *Rumsfy*, and Mr. *Tilghman*, do prepare and bring in the same.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, October 23d, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

The Bill, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, *An Act for building a Parish Church in Queen Anne Parish, in Prince George's County*, was read a Second Time, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Beall* and Mr. *Contee*.

The House being informed, that Mr. *Levin Gale*, a Delegate returned for *Somerset County*, was attending at the Door: ORDERED, That Mr. *Handy* and Mr. *Dennis* 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 took his Seat in the House.

The Petitions of sundry languishing Prisoners were read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *William Thomas* appeared in the House.

*George Plater*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, *An Act for building a Parish Church, in Queen Anne Parish, in Prince George's County*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 23d, 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.

On reading the Petition of *Robert Horner*, a languishing Prisoner in *Charles County Jail*, and a counter Petition, preferred by *Robert Buchanan*, Attorney in Fact for *James Buchanan*: ORDERED, That Mr. *Smallwood*, Mr. *Harrison*, Mr. *Grabame*, Mr. *Weems*, and Mr. *Johnson*, be a Committee to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said Petitions, and report the same as it shall appear to them to the House; and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

The Petition of *Andrew Colter* of *Cecil County*, setting forth, that about the Year 1763, he became Security for *Thomas Palmer*, who was left Executor of *Thomas Elliott*, Sen. his Administration on *Elliott's Estate*: That the said Executor, by Reason of his Absence from the Province, the Want of Effects, and injudicious Method of administering such Effects of the Testator as actually came to his Hands, and by suffering them to be taken away and destroyed by other Persons; and also, by Reason of the said Executor's becoming insolvent, he conceives himself to be in great Danger of being charged with the Debts and Legacies remaining unpaid, and therefore praying the House to pass an Act to release him from the Bond which he executed as Security afore said, read and rejected.

Mr. *Mackall* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, *An Act for building a Parish Church in Christ Church Parish, in Calvert County*: Which was read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Stepney Parish, in said Counties, the Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned, and to establish the Church at Green-hill the Parish Church for said Parish*, was read, with the Amendments for which it had been committed, and will pass. Both which Bills were sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Mackall* and Mr. *Handy*.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for amending and declaring the Law in the Cases therein mentioned; and that Mr. *Chafe* and Mr. *N. Thomas* do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. *Dennis* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for Trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise*: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Paca* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to his Excellency, which was read, approved of, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for imposing a further additional Duty of Five Pounds current Money per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province*, was read a Second Time and will pass.

It appearing to this House, that *Samuel Cookson*, of *Baltimore County*, in the Year 1768, preferred a Petition to the then Lower House of Assembly, setting forth, that he did, on or about the