

To his EXCELLENCY ROBERT EDEN, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief  
in and over the Province of Maryland.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your Excellency,

UPON Consideration of that Part of your Speech which relates to the criminal Law, we do not think a general Revival thereof necessary; but as your Excellency was pleased to inform the late House of Assembly, that you had experienced Inconveniences from Want of Precision upon that Subject, we beg Leave to request your Excellency to point out any particular Defects which have fallen within your Observation; that the Law, where doubtful and defective, may be aided and made more perfect and plain.

Which was read and assented to, and signed by Order of the House by the honourable Speaker.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to aid defective common Recoveries*, was read the Second Time, and the Question was put, That the said Bill do pass? Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs	{	Reeder,	Weems,	Moale,	Rumsley,	T. Wright,
		W. Thomas,	Smallwood,	Ristean,	Hall,	Chaille,
		Johnson,	Handy,	Deye,	Paca,	Holland,
		Chafe,	Dennis,	Veazy,	Tilghman,	Allen,
		Grahame,	Gale,	Baxter,	N. Thomas,	Robins.
		Parrian,	J. Richardson,	Ward,		

For the NEGATIVE.

Mess	{	Gresham,	Tyler,	Contee,	Lockett,	Beatty.
		Beall,				

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for more effectually preventing the buying and selling of Offices, and to prevent simoniacal Contracts*, was read the Second Time and will pass. Which Bill, and the Bill for imposing a further additional Duty of Five Pounds per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province, were sent to the Upper House by Mr. Paca and Mr. Johnson.

ORDERED, That Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Weems do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, the Governor signified he would receive the Address in Half an Hour, in the Lobby of the Council Chamber.

ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe and Mr. Tilghman do present the Address to his Excellency.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Address.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for licensing Ordinary-Keepers, Hawkers, Pedlers and Petty Chapmen*, was read the Second Time and committed.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of the Trustees for the Poor of Anne-Arundel County, setting forth, that they have, according to the Directions of an Act of Assembly, made in the Year 1768, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of the Poor within the several Counties therein mentioned*, used their utmost Endeavours to purchase Land whereon to build an Alms and Work-house for the Poor of said County; but that they have not been able to find any Owners of Land, near and convenient to the City of Annapolis, willing to dispose of the same for that Purpose: That there had been collected from the Inhabitants of Anne-Arundel County, in the Years 1769, 1770 and 1771, the Sum of £. 1849 : 7 : 9½, for the Purpose of erecting an Alms and Work-house in said County: That for several Years by-gone, the Inhabitants of Anne-Arundel County have been burthened with the Support of about 180 Poor: That by the best Computation they have been able to make, a convenient House for the Reception of One Hundred and Thirty poor People, besides Vagrants, cannot be built and compleatly finished for less than £. 3000, without including the Purchase of the Land; and therefore praying the Legislature to afford them such Relief, as on Consideration of the Premises, they shall think fit.

The Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Matter relative to Mr. John Frederick Augustus Priggs, being read; ORDERED, That he be called in, and he appeared at the Bar accordingly; and after some Debate thereon, the House referred the further Consideration thereof till To-morrow Morning at the Sitting of the House.

The Order for taking into Consideration the Remonstrance of the Magistrates of Anne-Arundel County, is further referred till Saturday next.

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

F R I D A Y, October 25th, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday.  
The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

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