

The Bill entitled, *An Act to enable the Commissioners for amitting Bills of Credit, to pay to John Duckett, William Mills, John Reacock, and Anne Gaither, the Sums of Money therein mentioned, read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and will pass.*
The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

TUESDAY, October 29th, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read. Mr. Jordan, and Mr. Weems, appeared in the House.

The House being informed, that Mr. John Adams, a Delegate returned for Somerset County, was attending at the Door; ORDERED, That Mr. Dennis, and Mr. Handy, 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 Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee of Grievances of the 19th of November last being read; ORDERED, That the said Report be read; and it was read accordingly.

ORDERED, That the several Papers annexed to the said Report be read; and they were read accordingly.

ORDERED, That the same be referred for Consideration till next Session of Assembly. The Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing trivial Suits in the Provincial Court*, was read a second Time, and the Question was put, that Amendments be proposed to the Upper House? Resolved in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE.

Members	W. Thomas,	Handy,	Baxter,	Hall,	Holland,
	Jordan,	Dennis,	Ward,	Tilghman,	Allen,
	Worthington,	Gale,	Rumsfy,	N. Thomas,	Robins,
	Mackall,	Jo. Richardson,	Beall,	T. Wright,	Luckett,
	Weems,	W. Richardson,	Tyler,	S. Wright,	Wootton.
	Harrison,	Veazy,	Sim,	Chaille,	

For the AFFIRMATIVE.

Members	Johnson,	Smallwood,	Moale,	Deye,	Earle,
	Chafe,	Adams,	Rifteau,	Paca,	Beatty.
	Grahame,				

The Bill was then put to its Passage, and will pass, and was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Allen.

Mr. Smallwood brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report.

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of Thomas Colvill's Executors, and John Semple.

YOUR Committee, in Obedience to the Order of this Honourable House, have enquired into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and do find, that John Colvill, late of Fairfax County in Virginia, being possessed of a Tract of Land in Frederick County, in this Province, called *Merryland*, containing Six Thousand Three Hundred Acres, made his last Will and Testament, bearing Date the Sixth Day of May, 1755; and by his said Will empowered his Brother Thomas Colvill to sell the said Tract of Land to pay his Debts. That the said Thomas Colvill, after the Death of the said John Colvill, did, for and in Consideration of £. 2500 Sterling Money, bargain and sell the said Land to John Semple, and passed his Bond for the Conveyance of the same, in the penal Sum of Five Thousand Pounds Sterling Money. That the said John Semple passed his Bond to the said Thomas Colvill, in an equal Penalty, for his entering into fresh Bond with good and sufficient Security for the Payment of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling Money, the Consideration Money aforesaid. That the said Thomas Colvill afterwards died without having received the said Consideration Money, or executed any Conveyance of the said Land to the said John Semple, and by his last Will and Testament appointed Frances Colvill, his Wife, George Washington, Esq; and John West, junior, Executors of his said Will. That the said John Colvill died considerably in Debt, and that the said Thomas Colvill sold the Land aforesaid, in Pursuance of the Power given by the Will of the said John Colvill.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of this House.

Signed by Order,

JOHN COURTS JONES. Cl.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That the Petition of Frances Colvill, and others, be read; and it was read accordingly; and Leave given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition.

Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petitions of sundry languishing Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned: Which were read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.