

be attended with an unprofitable Expence of Time. As you have rejected our First Proposition relative to the Clergy, permit us to remark, that if you should not incline to extend to them all the Provisions of the late Act, under which the Planter would be entitled to pay 30 per Poll in Tobacco, and the Farmer, and others, not making Tobacco, 30 per Poll in Money, at the Rate of Twelve Shillings and Six-pence common Money per Hundred Weight, your Adoption of the other Mode, viz. that of leaving the Clergy altogether out of the Bill, as far as the Planter may be concerned, and including them as far as the Farmers and others may be affected, will not alter the Condition the Planter would be in should the Bill not pass, and may secure the Farmer and others from the Oppression they may in some Instances suffer, if left to make a Composition in Money.

If this Difficulty, arising from the Claims of the Clergy, can be removed, we shall be willing to proceed on the other Matters; and in Regard to the Fees of the Officers, we must inform you, that it is our unalterable Resolution, not to admit of any further Reduction than that very considerable One, which must necessarily result from the Election to be given to all Persons to pay in Money or Tobacco, and that so far we do, and shall absolutely adhere to the old Regulation; but if any Abuses have really happened in the Charges under the old Table, and an Explanation or Correction should appear to be necessary, for the Prevention of such Abuses in future, we are willing that the old Table shall be explained and corrected with this View; and as you have declared it to be your Intention to explain and correct the old Table, we can't but think that the Subject to be considered, must properly be the old Table, for the very Purpose of discovering and determining wherein it is defective, and what Explanation or Correction may be requisite.

C O P Y.

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly,

UNDERSTANDING that a Conference is to take Place between the Two Houses on the depending Inspection Bill, and recollecting what passed at the last Session in Respect of the Clergy's Dues, I think myself obliged to inform you, that if a similar Regulation to what was then proposed should be established, many Ministers, who now have but a scanty Provision, would be reduced to a State of much Indigence and Distress, and that it will not be in my Power to assent to such a Regulation.

I do not know whether this Intimation may be consistent with the usual Manner of Proceeding or not, but I hope you will think it agreeable to the Character of Candour, and justified by the Occasion.

ROB. EDEN.

1st Nov. 1771.

To the honourable the Upper House of Assembly.

Which were read

Mr. Ennalls brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, *An Act to enable the Justices of Dorchester County Court to assess and levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, a Quantity of Tobacco, for the Purpose of building a new Court-House*: Which was read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Ennalls and Mr. W. Richardson.

William Hayward, Esq; from Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the said Bill thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 7th, 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.

George Steuart, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entitled, *An Act for licensing Ordinary-Keepers, Hawkers, Pedlers and Petty Chapmen*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 6th, 1771: Read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table."

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

"By the Upper House of Assembly, November 7th, 1771: Read the Second Time and will pass with the following Amendment, viz.

Leave out from the Word "aforesaid" in the First Line of the 21st Page, to the Word "House" in the Fourth Line of the same Page.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Endorsement was read, and the proposed Amendment was unanimously rejected.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide Prince-George's Parish, in Frederick County, and to erect One new Parish, by the Name of Christ Church Parish*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 6th, 1771: Read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table."

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

"By the Upper House of Assembly, November 7th, 1771: Read the Second Time and will pass."

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which was read here and passed for engrossing.

And, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit to pay to John Duckett, William Mills, John Peacock, and Anne Gaither, the Sums of Money therein mentioned*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 4th, 1771: Read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table."

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

"By the Upper House of Assembly, November 7th, 1771: Read the Second Time and will pass with the Amendment annexed."

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

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