

44 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1771.

Mr. *Wootton* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Security of Purchasers and others, being Protestants, claiming by or from Aliens*: Which was read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Wootton* and Mr. *Beatty*.

The engrossed Bill No. 17, read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Mr. *Eundalls* and Mr. *J. Richardson*.

On Motion, ORDERED, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, to pay to *William Mills, John Peacock, Anne Gaither, and Peter Payne, Executor of Ralph Price*, the Sums of Money therein mentioned; and that Mr. *Paca*, and Mr. *Tilghman*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*John Beale Bordley, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for licensing Ordinary-Keeper, Hawkers, Pedlers and Petty Chapmen*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, Nov. 9, 1771: Read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, and will pass.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which was read here and passed for engrossing.

And, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Emission of Bills of Credit*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, Nov. 9, 1771: Read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, and will pass with the following Amendment, viz. Leave out what follows the Word "Interest" in the 4th Line of the 29th Page, to the Word "direct" inclusive, in the Third Line from the Bottom of the same Page.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which was read, and ordered to be considered on Tuesday Morning next.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower Frank Leeke and George Diggés, Administrators of Charles Diggés, late of Prince George's County, deceased, with the last Will of the same Charles to their Letters of Administration annexed, to sell a Lot of Ground of the same Charles, situate and being in the Town of Upper Marlbro', in Prince George's County aforesaid, for the Payment of the Debts of the said Charles Diggés*, was read a First and Second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Mackall* and Mr. *Contee*,

*William Hayward, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the said Bill; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, Nov. 9, 1771: Read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, and will pass.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which was read here, and passed for engrossing.

*Daniel Dulany, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Paper Bill, No. 17; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 9th, 1771: The engrossed Bill, whereof this is the Original, read and assented to.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Security of Purchasers and others, being Protestants, claiming by or from Aliens*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 9th, 1771: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass with the following Amendment, viz. After the Word "Persons" in the 9th Line of the 1st Page, strike out the Words "being Protestants."

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Lo. Ho."

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the criminal Business of Baltimore County; and that Mr. *Chase*, Mr. *So. Wright*, and Mr. *Deye*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Supplementary Bill to the Act, entitled, *An Act for the more effectually securing of Orphans Estates*; and that Mr. *So. Wright*, Mr. *N. Thomas*, Mr. *Paca*, and Mr. *Deye*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Supplementary Bill to the Act, entitled, *An Act for the Punishment of Fornication and Adultery, and for repealing Part of the said Act*; and that Mr. *Wootton*, Mr. *Lutkett*, Mr. *Mackall*, Mr. *N. Thomas*, Mr. *Baxter*, and Mr. *Smallwood*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. *So. Wright* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to inspect into the State of the several publick Offices, 9th November 1771.

YOUR Committee have examined into the State of the several publick Offices, and find, that the Records of the Land-Office are now deposited in the Eastermost End of the Council Chamber; the Records of the Secretary's Office in the Westermost End of the said Chamber, which Offices are separated by a secure Partition; and that the Records of the Commissary's Office are deposited in the Conference Chamber, and that they all appear safe, and properly arranged on Shelves fitted up for that Purpose: That the Records of the Land-Office are in the same Condition as they were at the Time of the last Report of your Committee, except that the general Patent Alphabet, which was in a torn and defaced Condition, is now transcribing into a large well bound Folio Book, and that the said Alphabet is transcribed from the Year 1680 to 1708: That the Certificates and Patents appear to be recorded up to the present Year, and that they are examined: That the Records of the Commissary's Office appear in the same Condition they were in at the Time of the last Report of your Committee, except that the general Alphabet of Wills (which extended only to the Year 1726, and was much torn and defaced) is newly bound; the Leaves thereof well repaired, and the Alphabet therein continued to the Year 1760:

That