

Which was read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Emission of Bills of Credit*, by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hall.

Mr. Tilghman brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report:

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES, November 16th, 1771.

YOUR Committee having inspected the Writ directed to the Sheriff of *Frederick County*, for electing one Deputy and Delegate to serve in this General Assembly, and the Return of the said Writ, do find, that Mr. *Jonathan Hagar* is duly returned a Delegate for the said County of *Frederick*, and submit the same to the Consideration of the honourable House.

Signed by Order, THOMAS B. HODGKIN, Cl. Com.

Which was read.

The Petition of the subscribing Freeholders and Free-voters of *Frederick County*, was read a Second Time.

ORDERED, That an Hearing on the said Petition be had at the Bar of this House on the Fourth Day of the next Session of Assembly; and that the Sheriff of *Frederick County* do attend at the Bar of this House on that Day, and bring with him the original Poll taken at the late Election for one Delegate to serve in this Assembly for that County.

ORDERED, That the sitting Member and the Petitioners exchange Lists of the Names of those whose Votes they respectively intend to object against, by the 20th Day of *December* next, expressing their particular Objections, and therein confining themselves to such Objections as were made and entered on the Polls at the Time of Polling.

ORDERED, That the Petitioners, and all Parties concerned, have Summonses for Witnesses in Relation to the said Petition, upon their Application to the Clerk of this House for that Purpose.

*Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Paper Bill N<sup>o</sup>. 26; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 16th, 1771: The engrossed Bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to.

Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

The Bill, entitled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Prince George's and Charles Counties, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Saint John's (commonly called King George's) Parish, in said Counties, the Quantity of Fifty-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Beall and Mr. Tyler.

Mr. Jordan hath Leave of Absence.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of this House write to the several absent Members, acquainting them, that this House requires their immediate Attendance.

The House adjourns till Monday Morning 9 o'Clock.

## M O N D A Y, November 18th, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Saturday, except Mr. *Graham*, Mr. *Earle*, and Mr. *So. Wright*. The Proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. *Owings*, Mr. *Contee*, Mr. *Weems*, and Mr. *W. Richardson*, appeared in the House.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Naturalization of Charles Frederick Weisenthal*, was read a First and Second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Deye* and Mr. *Meale*.

The House being informed, that Mr. *Francis Ware*, and Mr. *Jesias Hawkins*, Two Delegates returned for *Charles County* to serve in this present Session of Assembly, were attending at the Door; ORDERED, That Mr. *Smallwood* and Mr. *Harrison* do go with those Gentlemen to the Upper House to see them qualified. They Return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw them qualified in the usual Manner. The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House.

Mr. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Paper,

WERE the Lower House willing to continue the Regulation of the late Inspection Law, in Respect of the Clergy, with a Proviso, that in all Parishes, on the Death or Removal of the present Incumbents, the Alternative shall take Place, a Doubt would remain, whether the Alternative should be on Thirty or Thirty-two Pounds of Tobacco, and how long that Regulation should continue.

Amongst the Proceedings of this Legislature no Subject of Controversy more frequently occurs than the Limitation of Officers Fees; a Proof not only of the Necessity of such a Limitation, but also of the Difficulty of obtaining it. In the Year 1745 the Regulation of Officers Fees was a principal Object of Attention. A Bill was framed in Consequence of the Agreement between Conferrees, and passed both Houses.

The Charge of the Commissary-General for Services performed by his Deputies, and for which they were paid, was then under Consideration; it was Twice agitated in Conference, and finally agreed by the Conferrees, that the Commissary-General should have no Fees on Services done by the Deputy Commissaries in Virtue of their Offices. For your further Satisfaction in this Point we beg Leave to trouble you with the following Extract.