

kins, late of Prince-George's County, deceased, for the Payment of the Debts of the said John Stone Hawkins, and to reimburse him certain Sums he had advanced for the Payment of Part the said Debts. Which was read.

ORDERED, That the same be referred to the Consideration of a Committee, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same as it shall appear to them to the House; and Mr. Beall, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Contee, and Mr. Hall, are appointed a Committee accordingly; and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

George Stewart, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of John Deavor, for and on Behalf of William Fell, an Orphan, Son of Edward Fell, late of Baltimore County, deceased: Which was read, and referred for Consideration on the Second Thursday in next Session.

Mr. Wootton brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act directing the Manner of punishing Fornication and Adultery before a single Justice of the Peace out of Court*: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Executors of Thomas Colvill to convey the Land therein mentioned*, was read a First and Second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill No. 28, by Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Moale.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for amending and declaring the Law in the Cases therein mentioned*, was read with the Amendments for which it had been committed, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Paca and Mr. Chafe.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Executors of Thomas Colvill to convey the Land therein mentioned*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, Nov. 20, 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.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Criminal Business of Baltimore County*, is referred for Consideration next Session of Assembly.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of the Sufferers at Bladensburgh Warehouse*, was read a Second Time, and the Question was put, That the said Bill do pass? Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs	{	Worthington,	Harrison,	Ward,	Hall,	Wootton.
		Hammond,	Ware,	Beall,	Tilghman,	Beatty.
		Weems,	Hawkins	Tyler,	Chamberlaine,	
		Smallwood,	Moale,	Contee,	T. Wright,	

For the N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	{	Gresham,	Mackall,	Richardson,	Baxter,	Earle,
		Buchanan,	Gale,	Ristean,	Paca,	Lockett,
		Johnson,	Adams,	Deye,	Thomas,	Hagar.
		Chafe,				

Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Beall and Mr. Contee.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower Elizabeth Williams, Administratrix of George Williams, with the Will annexed, to make and execute the Conveyances therein mentioned*, was read a First and Second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. So. Wright and Mr. Moale.

Mr. Moale brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Baltimore County, the Quantity of Three Hundred Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for finishing and compleating the Court-House and Prison of the said County*: Which was read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Deye and Mr. Ristean.

Mr. Hall from the Conference, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Paper.

THO' the very indeterminate Manner, in which you have mentioned the Clergy, affords us no Assistance in our Conjectures what may really be your Sentiments in respect of their Provision, yet as you have been pleased to suggest that our Meaning is not understood, we shall proceed to explain it, as fully as we can.

By the Bill now under Consideration, entitled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees*, a general Alternative is extended to all Persons, whether Makers of Tobacco, or not, to pay for every Taxable chargeable with the Clergy's Dues, 30^{lb} of Tobacco, or Four Shillings. You have already remarked, that this Alternative was in a former Session agreed to by both Houses. We have informed you the Governor had declared in a Message, of which we delivered you an exact Copy, that he would dissent to the aforesaid depending Bill, if the Alternative proposed by it be extended without Limitation to the Clergy. We therefore proposed the Expedient, that in all the Parishes, on the Death or Removal of the present Incumbents, the Alternative should take Place; and observed, that in the Course of a few Years the Design would be accomplished; but if the Regulation should be deferred, the Prospect of a general uniform Establishment would be more remote. The Alternative we meant, and thought we had most clearly explained, is the aforesaid Alternative abovementioned, and contained in the Bill now depending, entitled, *An Act for amending*