

William Hayward, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Paper Bills N^o. 34, 35, severally endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly November 23d, 1771: The enclosed Bill, whereof this is the Original, read and assented to.

Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."
 The House adjourns till Monday Morning 9 o'Clock.

M O N D A Y, November 25th, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Saturday, except Mr. *Worthington*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Buchanan*, Mr. *Baxter*, Mr. *Beatty*, Mr. *Weems*, and Mr. *Smallwood*.

The Proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. *So. Wright* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual securing of Orphans Estates*: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

T U E S D A Y, November 26th, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday, except Mr. *Chase*.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. *Weems* and Mr. *Baxter* appeared in the House.

The Petition of the Vestry and Churchwardens of *St. Luke's Parish*, in *Queen-Anne's County*, is referred for Consideration on the Second Friday in next Session of Assembly.

The Bill, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual securing of Orphans Estates*, was read the Second Time, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *So. Wright* and Mr. *Earle*.

The Petition of the Merchants in *Bladensburg* is referred for Consideration on the Second Monday in next Session of Assembly.

Mr. *William Wright*, at his own Request, is discharged from any further Attendance as a Committee Clerk.

The Petition of *John Steuart* and *Duncan Campbell* is referred for Consideration on the Second Wednesday in next Session of Assembly.

Mr. *Grahame*, from the Conference, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Paper.

WHEN Applications were made to us, from Time to Time, by the Conferrees of the Lower House, to defer our Meeting, we were flattered, by our ardent Wishes for a reasonable Settlement, that the Interval gained by the frequent Adjournments, would be productive of some Expedient, by which Dissent might be reconciled, and the Passage of the Inspection Bill facilitated, and were therefore struck with Concern and Surprise when we found that the Time had been misemployed in perverting Facts, and indulging a Petulance, which the least Idea of Decorum, unextinguished by the Inveteracy of Habit, would have repressed.

You hoped, so you have professed, that Reason and Argument would reconcile the differing Sentiments of the Two Houses, and therefore agreed to a Conference; if such was really your Hope, it is unfortunate indeed that you so entirely forgot the Grounds of it, as, instead of Reason and Argument, to offer Professions for Proofs, Evasions for Answers, Assertions to convince, and Rudeness to conciliate.

The Eulogies on your *unbiassed Judgment*, *immutable Justice*, and *soundest Policy*, would have been more graceful and honourable, had they not been bestowed by yourselves, and better credited too, unless your Reliance be infallible, that Credulity will keep Pace with Confidence.

The Regulation of Officers Fees is as certainly of Importance, as that an express Law, preventive of Contest, is better than Opinions studiously calculated, and industriously exhibited, to promote Discontent and encourage expensive Litigation. You thought the Regulation of Officers Fees ought in the first Place to have been settled, not because it first occurred in the Bill, but for other Reasons assigned in your last Paper, of which we no more perceive the Force than we are able to guess at the Event which has approved them. We have not declined the Consideration of this Topick, nor has any Time been lost by the Arrangement of our Propositions. You have been constrained to admit that we have imparted our Reasons, tho' you think it useless to examine them minutely; but is such Conduct consistent with the Purpose of a Conference, as would naturally be pursued by the very Opponents of the Measure? We at once declared that we would not agree to a Reduction of the Fees, legally chargeable under the old Table, beyond that very considerable one in the Election given to all Persons to pay in Money or Tobacco; if a further Reduction than this was your Aim, why did you not at once avow it, and terminate the Conference at least with Civility? We have over and again offered to concert with you the proper Means for preventing every Abuse committed under the old Table, but we are not bound to admit every Thing to be what you choose to call it. You have not informed us in what Instances the Demands of the Surveyors and Examiner have been extravagant, nor pointed out the Abuses they have actually committed; we are not acquainted with