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that Gentleman to the Upper House to see him qualified. They return and Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner. The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to aid Defects in a Deed of certain Lands to Lodowick Davis*. And the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of John M'Clure and others*, were severally read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Deane and Mr. Griffith.

Mr. Johnson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating Attachments*; which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Sudler appeared in the House.

The ingrossed Bills No. 4, 5, 6, 7, were severally read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills thereof, by Mr. Sudler and Mr. Bond.

Daniel of Saint Thomas Jesuiter, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of James Hendricks, praying the House to pass an Act to confirm to him a Tract of Land formerly purchased by the Petitioner of a certain Peter Harman, which was not legally conveyed by the said Harman. A Petition of Thomas Harwood, William Reynolds, John Britz, William Farris, and Allen Quinn, on behalf of themselves and others, setting forth, That by an Act of Assembly passed the 16th May 1747, for repealing an Act to enable the Rector, Vestrymen, &c. of St. Anne's Parish in Anne-Arundel County, to lease certain Lots in the City of Annapolis, Power was given to them to lease the Lots in the said City, numbered respectively 59, 60, 61, for any Term not exceeding 63 Years, and after the Expiration of the said Term, to grant new Leases for the Term of 21 Years or Three Lives, to the same Uses and Purposes as in the said recited Act is mentioned; and further, that since the passing the said Act, Leases have been granted for the said Lots of Land for the Term of 63 Years to several Persons; that considerable and valuable Improvements have been made on Part of the said Lots, particularly by the Petitioners, who would build on and improve the Residue, but from Doubts arising whether the original Lessees and Improvers of the said Lots, or such as shall or may claim under them, will be entitled to a Preference when the Time shall arrive for Renewment of the same; that they humbly apprehend it would be agreeable to the Design and Intention of the afore-recited Act, and greatly conduce to the Improvement of the said Lots, as well as be most consistent with Equity, if a Preference were expressly given to the original Lessees and Improvers of the said Lots, and the under Lessees to renew the Leases after the Expiration of the said Term of Sixty-three Years, for the further Term of Twenty-one Years or Three Lives, and in like Manner from Time to Time, and on the same Terms and Conditions as are contained in the above-recited Act, and therefore praying an Act may pass for the Purpose aforesaid.—And, a Petition of Queen Caroline Parish, praying an Act may be passed, empowering the Justices of Anne-Arundel County Court, to levy on the Inhabitants of said Parish, at Three equal annual Assessments, the Sum of Twelve Hundred Pounds common current Money, for the Purpose of building a new Church in the Place where the old one now stands; severally indorsed; “By the Upper House of Assembly, June 28, 1773: Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.”

Which Petitions were severally read here the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table. The Petition of the Rector, Vestrymen, and Churchwardens of St. Anne's Parish, was read a Second Time and referred for Consideration next Session of Assembly.

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

T U E S D A Y, June 29, 1773.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday, except Mr. W. Ewall. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read. Mr. Ridgely appeared in the House.

The Petition of James Fitzsimmons—and the Petition of John Carroll, Two Prisoners in Baltimore County Jail, were read and referred till the Second Tuesday in next Session of Assembly.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of this House do give Notice thereof to the Petitioners, and those who have filed counter Petitions.

Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Paper Bills, No. 4, 5, 6, 7, severally indorsed; “By the Upper House of Assembly, June 28, 1773: The ingrossed Bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

“Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.”

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of John M'Clure and others*; thus indorsed; “By the Upper House of Assembly, June 28, 1773: 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 ingrossing.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Independency of the Justices, the Enlargement of the County Court Jurisdiction in Cases of Equity, and the Authority of the Deputy Commissaries*; thus indorsed; “By the Upper House of Assembly, June 26, 1773: 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, June 28, 1773: Read the Second Time and will not pass.

“Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.”