

differ from the forms of the several Sorts of Commissions to the Judges and Justices in *England*, and that also, to enquire and report, whether it appears that the several Magistrates in this Province have been duly qualified agreeable to Law. That it also be the Duty of the said Committee particularly to enquire into the Nature of all Commissions issued by Government to the several Officers in this Province and make Report thereof to the House. Was read and unanimously approved of.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Turbutt Wright*, Mr. *Hammond*, Mr. *Chafe*, Mr. *John Hall*, and Mr. *Johnson*, be a Committee of Elections and Privileges. Mr. *Beall*, Mr. *Tyler*, Mr. *Worthington*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Chamberlaine*, Mr. *Paca*, Mr. *Thomas*, and Mr. *Lloyd* a Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice. Mr. *Chamberlaine*, Mr. *Sim*, Mr. *Barnes*, Mr. *Wootton*, Mr. *Veazy*, and Mr. *Griffith* a Committee of Accounts.

Mr. *Worthington*, Mr. *Beall*, Mr. *T. Wright*, Mr. *Key*, and Mr. *Bond* a Committee to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit.

ORDERED, That a Message be prepared to the Upper House acquainting them therewith.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Tyler*, Mr. *Thomas*, Mr. *Griffith*, Mr. *J. Hall*, and Mr. *Wotton* be a Committee to inspect into the several publick offices and report to the House the State and Condition of them.

The following Message, viz.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, October 13, 1773.

May it please your HONOURS,

THIS House hath appointed Messrs. *Worthington*, *Beall*, *T. Wright*, *Key*, and *Bond*, to join One or more of the Members of your House, as a Committee to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit.

Signed by Order,

JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Beall* and Mr. *T. Wright*. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered their Message.

ORDERED, That the Governor's Speech be read a Second Time; and it was read accordingly.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Chafe*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Paca*, Mr. *J. Hall*, Mr. *Lloyd*, and Mr. *Chamberlaine*, do prepare and bring in an Address to his Excellency in answer to his Speech.

Mr. Speaker lays before the House a Letter from the Honourable *Thomas Cushing*, Esq; Speaker of the House of Representatives of *Massachusetts Bay*, inclosing sundry Resolves entered into by that House. Also a Letter from the Honourable *Ebenezer Silliman*, Esq; Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of *Connecticut*, inclosing several Resolves entered into by that House.

ORDERED, That the said Letters and Resolves be read; and they were read accordingly.

RESOLVED, That this House will take the same, together with the Letters from the Colony of *Virginia* and *Rhode Island*, laid before this House, last Session, into Consideration To-morrow Afternoon. The House appoint Mr. *Benjamin Ford*, and Mr. *John Courts Jones* Committee Clerks. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

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

T H U R S D A Y, October 14, 1773.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday read.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and that Mr. *Turbutt Wright*, Mr. *Paca*, Mr. *Chafe*, Mr. *Thomas*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Lloyd*, Mr. *Chamberlaine*, and Mr. *J. Hall*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Officers Fees; and that Mr. *Paca*, Mr. *T. Wright*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *J. Hall*, Mr. *Beall*, Mr. *Tyler*, Mr. *Barnes*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Sim*, Mr. *Chamberlaine*, and Mr. *Chafe*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the buying and selling of Offices, and that Mr. *Chafe*, Mr. *Chamberlaine*, and Mr. *Johnson*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The following Certificates, viz.

ANNE-ARUNDEL I HEREBY certify, that on the 13th Day of *October*, 1773, came *John Courts Jones* before me the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace of the said County, and took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and took the following Oath, viz: "I *John Courts Jones* do swear, that I will true Entries make of all such Matters and Things as shall be to me directed by any Committee of the Lower House of Assembly for whom I shall act a Clerk; and
" that