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M O N D A Y, October 18, 1773.

THE House met. All Members present as on Saturday except Mr. *Worthington*, and Mr. *Sim*. The Proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. *Sudler*, Mr. *Sauvill*, Mr. *Hewkins*, Mr. *Ware*, and Mr. *Richardson* appeared in the House.

The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The House met.

On Motion, Mr. *Richardson* is added to the Committee of Accounts.

Mr. *Chamberlaine* hath Leave of Absence for a few Days on Business of Importance.

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

T U E S D A Y, October 19, 1773.

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

Mr. *Contee*, Mr. *Earle*, Mr. *Sim*, Mr. *Waters*, and Mr. *Brown* appeared in the House.

On Motion, Mr. *Contee* and Mr. *Sudler* are added to the Committee appointed to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit.

On Motion, Mr. *Earle* is added to the Committee of Accounts.

The Bill, entitled An Act to explain an Act, relating to Leafes made by the Rector, Vestrymen, and Churchwardens of *Saint Anne's* Parish, was read the second Time, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Griffith* and Mr. *Hyland*.

The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The House met.

Mr. *So. Wright* and Mr. *Tolly* appeared in the House.

Mr. *F. Wright* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, An Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.

George Stewart, Esq; from the Upper House delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of *All Hallows* Parish, in *Worcester* County, praying that an Act may pass to enable the Justices of *Worcester* County, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, a Quantity of Tobacco sufficient for building a Chapel in *Mattapony* Hundred, at or near a Place called and known by the Name of *Sandy Hill*.

A Petition of *Ann Arnold Key*, Widow of *Francis Key*, late of *Cecil* County, deceased, setting forth, that the said *Francis Key* died on or about the 26th Day of *November*, 1770, without having duly executed his last Will and Testament according to the Forms prescribed by Law, whereby the legal Title to his real Estate rests in his eldest Son and Heir at Law, *John Ross Key*, a Minor of the Age of Nineteen Years. That a paper or Instrument of Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said *Francis Key*, was found amongst his Papers in his own Hand writing shortly after his Decease, fully expressing the Manner in which he intended to devise his Estate, but for Want of the said Testament or Will being executed before Three credible Witnesses, the then Commissary General adjudged the same to be good and sufficient in Law, so far forth only as respects the personal Estate. That in Consequence thereof the Petitioner and her younger Children were left destitute of that Provision which her deceased Husband intended them. That the Whole of the Deceased's Personal Estate not specifically devised has been paid away in Discharge of Debts, and that there are several Demands yet unsatisfied. And therefore praying the Legislature to take the Premises into Consideration, and pass an Act to establish the said Paper or Instrument of Writing as and for the last Will and Testament of the said *Francis Key*, deceased, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been duly executed in due Form of Law, before Three credible Witnesses.

A Petition of *Martha Roundell*, *Sarah Cox*, *Henry Brooke* and *Mary* his Wife, and *Benjamin Skinner* and *Henrietta* his Wife, setting forth, that the Petitioners, *Martha*, *Sarah*, *Mary* and *Henrietta*, are Daughters and Coheirs of *Mary Smith*, late of *Prince-George's* County, Widow, deceased, and as such are intitled to One Moiety or Half Part of sundry Tracts of Land mentioned in the said Petition. And further setting forth, that the said *Martha* intermarried with a certain *Samuel Roundell*, who is since gone beyond Sea and resides somewhere in *Great-Britain* as the Petitioners are informed. And further setting forth that the said Moiety of the Lands specified in the said Petition had been heretofore divided, by Consent, by Persons appointed by the Petitioners. And further setting forth, that the Petitioners being advised that the same Division cannot be perfected, nor Deeds properly executed by Reason of the Absence and for Want of the Concurrence of said *Samuel Roundell*, therefore prayed that an Act of Assembly may