

An Act for the Gauge of Barrels of Potash, Beer, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, and Tare of Barrels of Flour or Bread, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the 14th August, 1763.

An Act to remedy some Evils relating to Servants, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the 8th May, 1754.

An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court before one Justice of the Peace, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the 4th October, 1763.

An Act for imposing an additional Duty of Two Pounds per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the 4th October, 1763.

An Act for abolishing June County Courts and for other Purposes therein mentioned, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the 25th September, 1770.

An Act to establish a Market in Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, and for the Regulation of the said Market, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the 6th November, 1770.

And your Committee further observe, that an Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Anne Catharine Green of the City of Annapolis, Printer, expired on the 25th December, 1772.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the honourable House.

Signed by Order, JOHN COURTS JONES, Cl. Com.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Beall, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Earle, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Veazy, do prepare and bring in Bills containing those mentioned in the said Report.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act confirming the Title of William Venables to the Lands therein mentioned*, was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Chase are added to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the Officers Fee Bill, &c.

Mr. Hammond brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report.

By the COMMITTEE of Elections and Privileges, November 19, 1773.

YOUR Committee have inspected the Indenture returned by the Sheriff of Frederick County, between himself and the Freeholders of said County, whereby a certain Jacob Funk appears to have been chosen, which we find in the usual Form, some gross Inaccuracies in the spelling excepted.

But your Committee beg Leave to observe, that the Sheriff of Frederick County hath not returned the Writ of Election annexed to the said Indenture. All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed by Order, JOHN COURTS JONES, Cl. Com.

Which was read.

The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock.

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

The House met.

Mr. Weems brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to the Act, entitled, An Act for the building of a Parish Church in Christ Church Parish, in Calvert County*. Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of George Frazier Hawkins, surviving Executor of the last Will and Testament of John Stone Hawkins, late of Prince-George's County, deceased; setting forth, that the said John Stone Hawkins died considerably indebted by Specialties and otherways. That the said John Stone Hawkins left Issue at the Time of his Death only Two Infant Daughters; to the eldest of whom he devised all his Lands (except a few which he directed to be sold for the Payment of his Debts) for Life; and in Case she should die without Issue lawfully begotten of her Body, to the Petitioner in Fee. That the Petitioner administered on the personal Estate of the Testator, and sold the Land devised for the Payment of the Testator's Debts, and administered, and applied the Money arising from the Sales thereof towards the Payment thereof. That the Petitioner being exceedingly pressed by the Creditors of the said Estate, and being willing and desirous to pay his Testator's just Debts, paid and advanced to the Creditors of the Testator (out of his own private Pocket) the Sum of 1466 : 19 : 7 Maryland Currency over and above all the Assets in his Hands belonging to the Estate of the said Testator: And therefore praying an Act may pass empowering him to sell the following Tracts or Parcels of Land lying in Prince-George's County, viz. *Something*, containing 49 Acres; *Merry Thought*, containing 40 Acres; *God's Gift*, containing 117 Acres; Part of *Never Fear*, containing 15 Acres; Part of *Hazard*, containing 1 Acre; Part of *Hawkins's Lot*, containing 184 Acres: Also, Part of a Tract or Parcel of Land lying in Frederick County, called *John and Priscilla*, containing 62½ Acres; and apply the Money arising from the Sales thereof towards reimbursing the Petitioner what he hath advanced; and the Residue, if any, towards paying the Creditors of the Deceased their Claims; thus

indorsed