

the Custody of the Serjeant at Arms. It is ordered, that he immediately pay the same to the said Serjeant and Clerk, and that he be served with a Copy of this Order,

*The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock.*

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

The House met.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the Truth of the Facts contained in the Petition of George Frazier Hawkins, surviving Executor of John Stone Hawkins, deceased.

IN Obedience to the Order of the Honourable House, your Committee have enquired into the Facts aforesaid, and do find that the said John Stone Hawkins, by his last Will and Testament, dated the 25th Day of November, 1763, devised Part of his real Estate to be sold for Payment of Debts, and all the Remainder of his Lands or real Estate, he gave to his Daughter Susannah Priscilla, in Tail, with divers Remainders over, as by Copy of said Will hereunto annexed will appear, and therein appointed the Petitioner and a certain George Frazier, since deceased, his Executors: That the said Susannah Priscilla is still living, a Minor under the Age of Fourteen Years: And your Committee further find, that by the last Settlement made with the Commissary General (including an Allowance of One Thousand Pounds Maryland Currency for Lands sold) it appears that there is a Balance due to the said George Frazier Hawkins, Executor as aforesaid, of Fourteen Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Seven-pence Gold Currency: And your Committee have examined the said Settlement and find it right, except an Error of a few Shillings in casting up, which reduces said Balance to Fourteen Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds Three Shillings and Five-pence Current Money aforesaid. It does not appear to your Committee that there is any other Estate of the said John Stone Hawkins liable to Payment of Debts, except the Land mentioned in the said Petition; all which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

*Signed per Order,*

G. DU VALL, Clk.

Which was read.

Upon reading whereof the Petition of George Frazier Hawkins was granted, and Leave given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition.

Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, thus indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 19, 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, November 25, 1773: Read the Second Time and will pass with the Amendments annexed.

*"Signed by Order,*

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Leave out the Words "and at Fenwick's Point on Britons-Bay under one Inspection," in the Second Line from the Bottom of the 2d Page, and every Thing relative to the said Ware-House in the Bill.

After the Word "thereof," in the Fourth Line from the Top in the Tenth Page, insert these Words, "A Probate of the same by the Witnesses thereto being lodged with such Bond."

After the Word "Province," in the Eighth Line from the Bottom of the 19th Page, leave out the Words "or by Persons actually exercising the Office of Vestrymen and Church-wardens."

In the Third Line from the Top of the 55th Page, leave out the Words "in every Court of Record within this Province," and also the Words "in any Court of Record," in Page 68.

After the Words (in Page 114) "if the same exceed Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, shall and may be recovered," leave out the Words "in any Court of Record."

Leave out the "Proviso," beginning in the Fifth Line from the Bottom of Page 89, and ending in the Second Line from the Top of Page 90.

Leave out the last Clause next preceding the Clause of Continuance, and in the last Clause insert, "Three" instead of "Fourteen."

And the following Message.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, November 25, 1773.

GENTLEMEN,

SHOULD you think proper to agree to our Proposal on remitting the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, at the late Convention in Respect to the Clergy, we shall be willing to give our Assent to the Bill now returned, on such Amendments being made as may answer the Purposes of that Proposal: If you should not think proper to agree to such Amendments, but choose that a Law may be enacted merely to regulate our Staple of Tobacco, entirely distinct from, and independent of, every other Object, we will assent to the Bill which this Message accompanies, upon your agreeing