

62 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1773.

Mr. Bingley brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the criminal Business of Baltimore County*, Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock.

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

The House met. Mr. Contee appeared in the House.

Mr. W. Small's hath Leave of Absence.

Mr. J. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following ingrossed Address.

To his EXCELLENCY ROBERT EDELL, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your Excellency

THE Paragraphs of the Report from the Committee of both Houses, appointed to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly (a Copy of which we beg Leave to lay before your Excellency) will sufficiently inform you how very negligent several of the Sheriffs have been in paying up the Ordinary Licence Fees by them received for the Use of the Public. We think ourselves bound in Duty to our Constituents to Request that your Excellency would be pleased to give Directions to the Attorney General, to put the Bonds of all such Sheriffs immediately in Suit, who are in Arrear for any Collection antecedent to August last. And also to put in Suit the Bonds of such Sheriffs who are in Arrear for the present Year's Collection, in Case Payment be not very soon made. We observe with Concern, that several of the County Clerks have not transmitted any Account of the Sums received by the Sheriffs at last August Court for Ordinary Licences, and doubt not your Excellency will take the proper Method to prevent their being so remiss in Future, as also that they may be compelled to make the Returns that are now wanting as soon as may be.

We also request that your Excellency would be pleased to direct the Attorney General to put in Suit the Office Bond of Christopher Wilkinson, Farmer, of the Quit Rents in Queen-Anne's County, now deceased, for his Default in not paying up the Half Years Land Tax by him received in the Year 1763.

Which was read and assented to, and signed by Order of the House by the Honourable Speaker.

On reading the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Division of Baltimore County, and for creating a new one by the Name of Harford*, the Question was put, That the Part of the said Bill which imposes a Tax on the Inhabitants of Baltimore County, towards building the Court-House and Prison in Harford County, be struck out of the said Bill? Resolved in the Negative.

For the N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Bond,	Lyles,	Johnson,	Veazy,	Earle,
	Kee,	Parran,	Chase,	Ward,	Pica,
	Barnes,	Smallwood,	J. Hall,	Beall,	Parnell,
	Ringgold,	Ware,	Chamberlains,	Tyler,	Beatty,
	Maxwell,	Hawkins,	Thomas,	Sim,	Griffith,
	Sudler,	G. Hall,	Richardson,	Contee,	Fank,
	Weems,	Tolly,	White,	Brown,	

For the A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs	Doye,	T. Wright,	Challe,	Robins,
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The Bill was then read throughout and passed.
The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 8, 1773.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday, except Mr. Bond, Mr. Small, and Mr. Somervell. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.
ORDERED, That Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Earle do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker that the Governor signified he would receive the Address in about Half an Hour in the Conference Chamber.

ORDERED,