

MONDAY, December 13, 1773.

THE House met. All Members present as on Saturday, except, Mr. Chaille, Mr. Robins, Mr. Sims, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Smallwood. The Proceedings of Saturday were read. The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors*, was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Hammond.

Mr. Beall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for abolishing Justice County Courts, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.* A Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for imposing an additional Duty of Two Pounds per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province.* A Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court, before one Justice of the Peace.* A Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to remedy some Evils relating to Servants.* A Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the Gauge of Barrels of Pork, Beef, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, and Tare of Barrels of Flour or Bread.* A Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to establish a Market in Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, and for the Regulation of the said Market.* And a Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province, from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law, and the Supplementary Act thereto; which were severally read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Parran and Mr. Maxwell.*

Mr. John Hall, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of the Poor in Anne-Arundel County*, which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Deye brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act to establish a Market in Baltimore-Town, in Baltimore County, and to regulate the said Market*, Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

RESOLVED, That the Rules of this House respecting the Attendance of the Members be hereafter strictly enforced.

RESOLVED, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, take into Consideration the Governor's Message of the Eighth Instant.

John Ridout, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for imposing an additional Duty of Two Pounds per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province.* The Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court, before one Justice of the Peace.* The Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law, and the Supplementary Act thereto.* The Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to establish a Market in Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, and for the Regulation of the said Market.* The Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to remedy some Evils relating to Servants.* The Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the Gauge of Barrels of Pork, Beef, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, and Tare of Barrels of Flour or Bread*, severally indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 13, 1773: Read the First and Second Time by an especial Order and will pass.

"Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which were severally read here and passed for ingrossing.

John Ridout, Esq; also delivered to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entitled, *An Act for imposing a further additional Duty of Five Pounds Current Money per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province*, thus indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 7, 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, December 13, 1773: Read the Second Time and will pass with the annexed Amendments.

"Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

After the Word "above" in the 8th Line from the Top of the First Page, leave out the Words "what by the Laws of this Province now in Force is," and insert in the Room thereof the following Words, viz. "The Duties laid by the Act, entitled, *An Act for imposing a further additional Duty of Five Pounds Current Money per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province*, passed at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Wednesday the 22d Day of October, and ended the 30th Day of November, 1771, and by the Acts of Assembly passed before the said 22d Day of October, 1771."

Which Bill with the Amendments was read.

And the Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to the Act, entitled, An Act for the building of a Parish Church in Christ Church Parish, in Calvert County*, thus indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 27, 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, December 13, 1773: Read the Second Time and will pass with the annexed Amendments.

"Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Insert after the Word "Tobacco" in the Seventh Line from the Top of the First Page the following Words, viz. "And by the Act, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the building of a Parish Church in Christ Church Parish, in Calvert County*, made