

“ at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the Second Day of October, 1771, it was enacted, that the Vestrymen and Churchwardens of the said Parish or the major Part of them should, and they were thereby required, by the Fifth Day of the then next November Court, to certify to the Justices of Calvert County aforesaid, the Quantity of Tobacco that was requisite and necessary for finishing and completing the said Parish Church, and that the said Justices should not assess on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, a greater Quantity of Tobacco than should be so certified, with the Sheriff's Salary of Five per Cent. for collecting the same.” Intert after the Word “Tobacco” in the Tenth Line from the Top of the First Page, the following Words, viz. “And that the said recited Supplementary Act had not been carried into Execution.”

Which Bill with the Amendments was read.

On reading a Second Time the Amendments proposed to the Two last mentioned Bills, on Motion, RESOLVED, That as the late Lord Proprietary died some Time in the Month of September preceding the late Session of the Assembly, begun and held on the Second Day of October, 1771, the general Assembly of this Province became and was thereby dissolved, and that the Acts passed at the said Session were not enacted by legal and constitutional Authority, and are therefore void. Whereupon the said Amendments were unanimously rejected.

The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock.

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

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

The Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Saint Mary's, Charles, Calvert, and Prince-George's Counties being read, the same is referred till To-morrow.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for more effectually preventing the buying and selling of Offices*, was read the Second Time, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Paca.

Mr. Johnson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act for emitting Bills of Credit and applying Part thereof*, which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Philip Thomas Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entitled, *An Act to confirm a Lease made by Thomas Harrison, of Baltimore County, for Part of a Lot of Land therein mentioned, to the Commissioners of Baltimore-Town and their Successors*, thus indorsed; “By the Upper House of Assembly, December 11, 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.

“ Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.”

And the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Division of Dorchester and Queen-Anne's Counties, and for erecting a new one by the Name of Caroline*, thus indorsed: “By the Upper House of Assembly, December 10, 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.

“ Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.”

Which were severally read here and passed for ingrossing.

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

T U E S D A Y December 14, 1773.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read. Mr. Sim, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Smallwood, appeared in the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of the Poor in Anne-Arundel County*, was read the Second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Hammond and Mr. Tolly.

The Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Governor's Message of the 8th Instant, with the Propositions therein inclosed being Read, RESOLVED, That the same be now taken into Consideration.

On taking the same into Consideration the Question was put, that the following be entered as the Resolve of this House, viz. RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this House, that an Act, entitled, *An Act for the Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province according to the Church of England, and for the Maintenance of Ministers*, was not enacted by legal and constitutional Authority, and is therefore void? Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Messrs	{ Bond,	Parran,	Chase,	Hyland,	So. Wright,
	{ Key,	Ware,	J. Hall,	Ward,	Paca,
	{ Barnes,	Hawkins,	Chamberlaine,	Beall,	Hammond
	{ Ringgold,	Deye,	Thomas,	Tyler,	Beatty,
	{ Maxwell,	Aq. Hall,	Richardson,	Sim,	Griffith,
	{ Sudler,	Tolly,	White,	Contee,	Funk.
	{ Lyets,	Johnston,	Veazy,	Earle,	

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