

Mr. *Johnson* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to his Excellency, which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for an Addition to Baltimore-Town, in Baltimore County*, was read the Second Time by an especial Order and will pass.

Mr. *Beall* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the speedy Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Anne Catharine Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer*, which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act confirming the Title of William Venables to the Lands therein mentioned*, was read the Second Time and will pass.

Mr. *Paca* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following ingrossed Address.

To his EXCELLENCY ROBERT EDEN, 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,*

UPON Consideration of your Excellency's Message of the Eighth Instant, and the Address of the Clergy communicated therewith, we proceeded to make a competent Provision for them, by a Bill which we have sent to the Upper House.

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

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

FRIDAY, December 17, 1773.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday, except Mr. *Funk*. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

His Excellency communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message.

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

I AM informed by the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, that the Clerks of *St. Mary's, Somerset, Dorchester, and Cecil* Counties, have returned since your Address of the 7th Instant. Accounts of the Sums received by the Sheriffs of those Counties at last August Court, for Ordinary Licences; and I have given Directions for ordering the Clerks of *Worcester* and *Calvert* Counties, to return forthwith to the Commissioners, Accounts of the Sums received by the Sheriffs at the last August Court for Ordinary Licences in their respective Counties.

I have directed that the several Sheriffs who have not complied with the Act of Assembly, made and passed at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, on Wednesday the Second Day of *October*, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy one, be immediately required to pay up to the Commissioners in pursuance of this Act, the Ordinary Licence Fines received for the Use of the Public, and will direct the Attorney General to put in Suit the Bonds of such Sheriffs as shall not pay up the Sums due from them, in such Time as that there may be no Delay in pursuing the Measures for compelling Payment.

I shall also direct the Attorney General to put in Suit the Office Bond of *Christopher Wilkinson*, deceased, for his Default in not paying up the Half Years Land Tax, by him received, in the Year 1763, if his Representative or Sureties do not forthwith make Payment.

*Annapolis, 17th December, 1773.*

ROBERT EDEN.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Speedy Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Anne Catharine Green of the City of Annapolis, Printer*, was read the Second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the House with the Bill, entitled, *An Act for an Addition to Baltimore-Town, in Baltimore County*, and the Bill, entitled, *An Act confirming the Title of William Venables to the Land therein mentioned*, by Mr. *Earle* and Mr. *Bond*.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Key* and Mr. *Hammond*, do acquaint the Governor 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 this Afternoon in the Council Chamber, after sealing the Laws.

Mr. *Thomas* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Preservation of the Breed of wild Deer*, which was read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, and the Question was put that the said Bill do pass? Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE.

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Barnes,  
Sudler,  
Parran,  
Smalwood,

Tolly,  
Worthington,  
Johnson,  
Chase,  
J. Hall,

Chamberlaine,  
Thomas,  
Lloyd,  
White,  
Veazy,

Richardson,  
Hyland,  
Tyler,  
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So. Wright,  
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