

W E D N E S D A Y, March 30, 1774.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday except Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Key, and Mr. Lloyd. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read. Mr. Chaille and Mr. Robins appeared in the House.

The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock.

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

The House met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

T H U R S D A Y, March 31, 1774.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read. Mr. Lloyd appeared in the House. Mr. Ware hath Leave of Absence.

Mr. Worthington brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Regulation of Officers Fees.* Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

John Ridout, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of Benjamin Canada Stoddart; a Petition of Jeremiah Crabb; a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Somerset and Worcester Counties; a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Prince George's County; and the Application of Charles Wilson Peale; severally indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly, March 31, 1774: Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

"Signed by Order,

JAMES BROOKS, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which were severally read here the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

John Ridout, Esq; also delivered to Mr. Speaker sundry Prisoners Petitions, with a List of their Names: Which List was thus indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, March 31, 1774: The several Petitions herein mentioned are read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

"Signed by Order,

JAMES BROOKS, Cl. Up. Ho."

The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock.

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

The House met.

The Petition of Jeremiah Crabb was read the second Time and granted, and Leave given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer thereof.

Mr. Chase brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act relating to the Office of Chancellor.* Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to preserve the Independence of the Members of the Lower House of Assembly of this Province; and that Mr. Tyler, Mr. Weems, Mr. Hammond, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. Deye, and Mr. Beall, do prepare and bring in the same,

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to assess and levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of *All-Hallows Parish* in Worcester County, a Quantity not exceeding Forty-five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Purpose of erecting a Chapel of Ease in the said Parish; and that Mr. Chaille, Mr. Holland, Mr. Purnell, and Mr. Robins, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Progression in reading a second Time the Bill for the Regulation of Officers Fees, on Motion the Question was put, That a Fee be inserted to the Chancellor for passing a final Decree? Carried in the Negative.

For the N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	{	Bond,	Lyles,	Tyler,	Veazy,	Purnell,
		Maxwell,	Weems,	Sim,	Hyland,	Robins,
		Ringgold,	Hawkins,	Contee,	Gilpin,	Griffith,
		Worthington,	Waters,	Beall,	Ward,	Funk,
		J. Hall,	Tolly,	Earle,	Chaille,	Aq. Hall.
		Hammond,	Deye,	So. Wright,	Holland,	

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

Mess.	{	Barnes,	Chase,	Parran,	Chamberlaine,	T. Wright,
		Reeder,	Paca,	Smallwood,	Thomas,	White.
		Johnson,	Somervell,	J. Ennalls,		

ORDERED, That the Letter from the Speaker of *New-Hampshire* be read a second Time, and it was read accordingly.

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

FRIDAY,