

T H U R S D A Y, April 7, 1774.

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

The Order of the Day being read; ORDERED, That the Governor's Speech at the opening of last October Convention be read, and it was read accordingly.

Philip Thomas Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Kent County, relative to the Variation of the Compass, thus indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly, April 7, 1774: Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

Signed by Order,

JAMES BROOKS, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which was read here and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish the Boundaries and Lines of Land within this Province by Procession; and that Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Paca, Mr. Beall, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Chase, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Hammond, Mr. So. Wright, Mr. Gilpin, Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Beatty, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Petition of sundry Proprietors of Tobacco, damaged in Bladensburg Warehouse by a Fresh in the Year 1767, was read and rejected.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal Part of an Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, Crows, and Squirrels; and that Mr. Tolly, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Deye, and Mr. Ridgely Son of John, do prepare and bring in the same.

Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Regulation of Officers Fees, thus indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly, April 2, 1774: Read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Signed by Order,

JAMES BROOKS, Cl. Up. Ho.

"By the Upper House of Assembly, April 7, 1774: Read the second Time and will not pass.

Signed by Order,

JAMES BROOKS, Cl. Up. Ho."

And the Bill, entitled, An Act for abolishing June County Courts, thus indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, April 4, 1774: Read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Signed by Order,

JAMES BROOKS, Cl. Up. Ho.

"By the Upper House of Assembly, April 7, 1774: Read the second Time and will pass with the following Amendment, viz. Strike out the Word "Seven" in the Two last Lines of the continuing Clause, and instead thereof insert the Word "Three."

Signed by Order,

JAMES BROOKS, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which said Indorsements were severally read here, and the Amendment proposed to the last mentioned Bill was agreed to, and the Bill passed for ingrossing.

Mr. Weems appeared in the House.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill relating to the public Roads in Anne-Arundel, Baltimore, and Frederick Counties; and that Mr. Johnson, Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Funk, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Deye, Mr. Tolly, and Mr. Ridgely Son of John, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock.

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

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, An Act for the Relief of sundry Inhabitants of Patapsco Lower Hundred in Baltimore County, was read the second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House, with the ingrossed Bills, No. 3, 4. and the Paper Bills thereof, by Mr. Deye and Mr. Ridgely.

Mr. Parran brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, An Act empowering the Justices of Calvert County, to levy on the taxable Persons of Christ-Church Parish in the said County, the Quantity of Tobacco therein mentioned, for the Purpose of finishing and compleating their Parish Church. Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Ridgely Son of John brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal Part of an Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, Crows, and Squirrels. Which was read the first and second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House, with the ingrossed Bill, No. 5. and the Paper Bill thereof, by Mr. Tolly and Mr. Ridgely Son of John.

On Motion, RESOLVED, That this House will, To-morrow in the Afternoon, take into Consideration the Petition of St. Anne's Parish, which was referred from last Session to this Session.

The Petition of sundry Parishioners of King and Queen Parish in St. Mary's County was read the second Time and granted, and Leave given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer thereof. ORDERED, That Mr. Bond, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Key, and Mr. Reeder, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Bill, entitled, An Act for more effectually preventing the buying and selling of Offices; and the Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Office of Chancellor; were severally read the second Time, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Chase, Mr. Tyler, Mr. So. Wright, and Mr. Richardson.

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