

(Friday, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.)

The House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all present as in the Morning.

A Bill, Intituled, *An Act to Inroll and Record an Indenture between Matthias Van Bebber, of the one Part, and Thomas Bordley, Esq; of the other Part*, was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, Intituled, *An Act to Inroll and Record an Indenture between Matthias Van Bebber, of the one Part, and Thomas Bordley, Esq; of the other Part*, was read the second Time, by an especial Order, and pass'd: And sent to the Upper House by Mr. Wharfield, and Mr. John Worthington; who return, and say they deliver'd the same.

The Petition of *Thomas Canner*, is referred until the next Session of Assembly.

The Members appointed by this House, to join with some of the Members of the Upper House, as a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to improve the Staple of Tobacco, having reported to this House, that the Members of the Upper House acquainted them that the *Three Pence per Hogshead*, proposed as an Equivalent to the Lord Proprietary, would not be accepted of, unless any Deficiency that should happen by the Execution of the proposed Tobacco-Bill, besides the said *Three Pence per Hogshead*, were made up. Whereupon the Question was put, Whether in case the appropriating the *Three Pence per Hogshead* for Arms, during the Continuance of the proposed Tobacco-Law, to his Lordship's Use, should fall short of making up the Duty 28,556 Hogsheads of Tobacco, the Deficiency for Two Pence per Hogshead, payable to his Lordship, in Lieu of Rents, and Alienation Fines, should not be made up out of the Money lying in Bank that hath arisen on the said Duty of *Three Pence per Hogshead*, or not? *Resolv'd* in the Affirmative.

The House adjourns until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock.

(Saturday, May 30, 1730.)

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all present that were Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

The Petition of *Alice Macklin*, an Insolvent Prisoner, in *Talbot County Goal*, was read and granted.

Col. *Greenfield*, from the Committee of both Houses, reported to this House, that the Committee appointed by the Upper House, informed them, that they could not agree to the Proposals of this House, concerning the Equivalency.

The Question was put, Whether an Equivalent to the Lord Proprietary, shall be raised upon the Twelve Pence per Hogshead, now applied for the Support of Government, or not? *Resolv'd* in the Affirmative.

The Question was put, Whether the Tobacco-Law shall be limited to the Continuance of two Years, or one Year? *Resolv'd*, that it continue for two Years.

Col. *Rider*, from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Petition of *Thomas Howard*,
Indors'd thus: *By the Upper House of Assembly, May 30, 1730.*
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