

On this Occasion, permit us to assure your Honours, that we shall never advisedly consent to any Fee being paid where no Service is done, and shall be still more averse to the Establishment of a Principle so incompatible with political Regulation, as that of paying a Fine under the Name of a Fee, for the facile obtaining of Justice; nor can we imagine his Excellency the Governor would, as Chancellor, regard a trifling Loss arising from the Passage of a reasonable Bill, which has been constantly been desired by the People for a long Course of Years.

For these Reasons we have returned your Honours the Bill, upon an Expectation that you will recede from your First Amendment.

We also disagree to the Second Amendment, and think a Clause of Continuance unnecessary. We apprehend no Inconvenience can arise from more nearly conforming our Practice to the Laws of our Mother-Country, which have been long in Use and produced happy Effects; but still, should you think proper to give the Bill a Continuance for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly thereafter, we are willing to pass it with that Amendment, and not otherwise.

Signed by Order,

T. WRIGHT, Cl: Lo. Ho.

Which was read, approved of, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Sergeant at Arms returned the Order of this House of the 7th Instant, with the following Indorsements, *viz.*

I hereby depute *Allen Quynn* to serve the within Order. Witness my Hand, this 7th Day of December 1769. ROBERT SAUNDERS, Sergeant at Arms.

*Allen Quynn* makes Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty GOD, that he went to the House of *Richard Lee*, Esq; in *Charles County*, where the within named *Richard Lee*, jun. resides, as he is informed, and that he was told by some of the Family, that the said *Richard Lee* was gone to *Virginia*, and would not return before Christmas.

December 13, 1769.

R. GHISELIN.

RESOLVED, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, requesting him to remove from his Office, *Richard Lee*, jun. Sheriff of *Charles County*, for his cruel Treatment to his Prisoners.

ORDERED, That *Mr. E. Telford*, *Mr. Hobbins*, *Mr. Chappin*, *Mr. Johnson*, *Mr. Hill*, *Mr. Pava*, and *Mr. M. Griffith*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The Sergeant at Arms returned the Order of this House of the 30th of November last, against *David Chamber*, Sheriff of *Baltimore County*, with the following Indorsement, *viz.* December 9, 1769, returned the within mentioned *David Chamber*.

WILLIAM LUX,

ROBERT SAUNDERS, Sergeant at Arms.

ORDERED, That the same be taken into Consideration To-morrow Morning.

*Mr. R. Telford* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, the engrossed Message; which was read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, by *Mr. E. Telford*, and *Mr. Chappin*.

*Mr. R. Telford* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to redress the Grievances of the Planters in Maryland*: Which was read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*Mr. Graham* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, the engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for applying a Sum of Money, in Bills of Credit, to the Use therein mentioned*.

*Mr. Ringold* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, the engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to secure to Thomas Smyth the Right in a Lot of Land in Chester-Town*.

*Mr. Pava* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, the engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for appointing Places for holding the next Election of Delegates for Baltimore County*.

Which Bills, together with the engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees, and the Supplementary Act thereto*, were read and assented to, and with the Paper Bills thereof, sent to the Upper House, by *Mr. Pava* and *M. Griffith*.

The Journal of Accounts read and assented to. Sent to the Upper House, by *Mr. Sullivan*, *Mr. Hobbins*, *Mr. Johnson*, and *Mr. Allen*.

*Mr. Sullivan* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees*: Which was read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*William Dalow*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the following Paper Bills, *viz.*

A Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees, and the Supplementary Act thereto*.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act for applying a Sum of Money, in Bills of Credit, to the Use therein mentioned*.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act to secure to Thomas Smyth, the Right in a Lot of Land in Chester-Town*.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act for appointing Places for holding the next Election of Delegates for Baltimore County*. Which Bills were severally indorsed by the Upper House.

M. M. M.