

It appearing to the House that a Petition of *Samuel Cookson*, of *Baltimore County*, was preferred to the last Session of Assembly, had a First Reading, and nothing further done therein.

ORDERED, That the same be now read, and it was read accordingly.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Grahame*, Mr. *Poca*, and Mr. *Dickinson*, be a Committee to enquire into the Facts contained in said Petition, and report the same to the House.

Mr. *Grahame* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, the following Report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the Facts contained in the Petition of Samuel Cookson, and report the same to the House.

YOUR Committee have examined the several Vouchers produced to them to establish the Facts contained in the said Petition, and find them all to be true: Which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the honourable House.

December 14, 1769.

Signed by Order, HENRY GASSAWAY, Clk. Com.

Which was read. Leave given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the said Petition.

Mr. *Ringgold* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for confirming to Samuel Cookson, of Baltimore County, sundry Lands therein mentioned*: Which was read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns 'till To-morrow Morning.

F R I D A Y, DECEMBER 15.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all appeared as on Yesterday, except Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Hooper*, and Mr. *Selby*. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. *Mordacai Jacobs*, a Delegate returned for *Prince-George's County*, appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Contee*, do go with the Gentleman to the Upper House to see him qualified. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Justices of Queen-Anne's County Court, for the Time being, to lay on the taxable Inhabitants of St. Luke's Parish in the said County, a Quantity of Tobacco, for building a Chapel in the said Parish*: Read the Second Time, and will pass. Sent to the Upper House, by Mr. *Holiday* and Mr. *Steele*.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for laying out a new, and settling and adjusting the future Bounds and Limits of St. Luke's, Christ's Church, and St. John's Parishes, in Queen-Anne's County, and of St. Paul's Parish, being partly in Queen-Anne's, and partly in Talbot County; inscribed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 14, 1769": Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which was read, and passed for engrossing.

Mr. *Ringgold* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the laying of concealing concealed Tolls, and other Officers, imported into this Province, and for the better Discovery of them*.

Also, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for imposing a further additional Duty of Pounds per P. W. on all Tobacco imported into this Province*.

Which Bills were read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

William Hollis, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Justices of Queen-Anne's County Court, for the Time being, to lay on the taxable Inhabitants of St. Luke's Parish, in the said County, a Quantity of Tobacco, for building a Chapel in the said Parish; inscribed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 15, 1769": Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

*Master *Holiday*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Petition of the Rector, *Very Reverend Mr. Church-Warden* of Queen-Anne Parish, in *Prince-George's County*; inscribed: "December 15, 1769": Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.*

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the Importation of Tobacco in their Cigars, and other small Packets, within this Province*: Read the Second Time, and will pass. Sent to the Upper House, by Mr. *Holiday* and Mr. *Barlow*.

Upon reading the Message from the late Committee to this House, at the last Session of Assembly, and the Account of the Expenses incurred thereon, which Vouchers and Accou'ts were referred to the Consideration of this Committee.

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