

232 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1769.

For the N E G & A T I V E. Contee.
Grahame, Mackall, Ward.

Chase,
Gantt,

The Bill sent to the Upper House by Mr. Hall and Mr. Steele.
George Stewart, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Journal of Accounts, and the following Message:

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, DECEMBER 14, 1769.

GENTLEMEN,

IN November Session 1766, when the last Journal of Accounts that passed, came into the House, it was returned with a Negative, because, among other Reasons, no Allowance was made therein to the late Governor, for the Seals to Proclamations, for the Purposes of notifying to the People of this Province, several Acts of Parliament relating to the British Colonies, or to the late Printer for printing those Acts. In the present Journal there is the same Omission, as well as no Allowance made to the present Governor, or Printer, for a similar Claim. The first Reason assigned at the above Session, upon the Conference that then took Place, by the Conferencees of the Lower House, for not allowing the Governor and Printers Claims, was because the Publication of Acts of Parliament, in this Province, by Proclamation, was without Precedent, to which the Conferencees, of this House, were instructed to answer; that since it was alledged, that the Publication of Acts of Parliament, in this Province, by Proclamation, was without Precedent; and inasmuch, as the Necessity of a speedy Conclusion, on the Business of the Journal, would not admit of a full Enquiry into Precedents, this House were willing to refer the Consideration of the Matter, to a future Session. Upon the coming up of the Journal this Session, we made Search for, and found some Precedents on the Subject; but as it might be inconvenient at this Session, to enter into a full Examination thereof, so we are willing, that the Consideration of the above Claims, may be referred to a future Session, if you are averse from making the Allowance now.

We further observe, that you have not made the usual Allowance to the Clerk of the Council, and therefore cannot pass the Journal of Accounts as it now stands, but if you shall think proper to make a Provision for his eventual Payment, in the same Manner as was done in the November Session 1766, we shall give our Assent to the Passage thereof.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which Message was read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.
William Fitzhugh, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the 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; thus indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 15, 1769: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will not pass.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

The Bill, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act ascertaining the Height of Fences, to prevent the Evils occasioned by the Multitude of Horses, and restraining Horse Rangers within this Province; and to redress the great Evil accruing to this Province, by the Multiplicity of useless Horses, Mares, and Colts, that run in the Woods: Read the Second Time, and will pass.

The Bill, entitled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Anne Catharine Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer, read the Second Time and will pass: Which Bills were sent to the Upper House by Mr. Hayward, and Mr. Gantt.

Mr. Veazy, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Bordley, have Leave of Absence.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all appeared as on Yesterday, except Mr. Veazy, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Bordley. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read,

Mr. Hayward brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, An Act for preventing the Evil occasioned by the Continuance of Suits at Law, on Suggestion of Want of Evidence, from beyond the Sea.

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

Mr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton, a Delegate returned for Frederick County, appeared in the House.

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

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

Mr.