

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for enforcing the Payment of public Monies*, and the Amendment proposed thereto by the Upper House, were read, and the said Amendment taken into Consideration; and after some Debate thereon, the same was rejected.

ORDERED, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, to put the Sheriffs Bonds in suit for not paying in the Monies by them received in Virtue of the Ordinary Licence Law, and that Mr. E. Tilghman, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Johnson, do prepare and bring in the same.

RESOLVED, That the honourable Speaker, Messieurs E. Tilghman, M. Tilghman, Thomas Ringgold, Thomas Johnson, jun. and John Hall, be a Committee to correspond in the Recess of Assembly, with Charles Garth, Esq; our Agent, for conducting and managing the Dispute between the Lord Proprietary and the People of this Province.

William Fitzhugh, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the building of a Parish Church in Christ's-Church Parish, in Calvert County*; endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 19, 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.

Also, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for imposing a further additional Duty of Ten Pounds Current Money per Poll, on all Negroes imported into this Province*; endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 19, 1769: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will not pass." Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

And, the 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*; endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 19, 1769: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass, with the following Amendments." After the Word "continued" in the Eight Line from the Top, insert the following Words, viz. "on Suggestion." Strike out the Second enacting Clause. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

The Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the building of a Parish Church in Christ's-Church Parish, in Calvert County*: Read and assented to, and with the Paper-Bill thereof, sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Ganitt, and Mr. Mackall.

John Beale Bordley, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the abuses of concealing convicted Felons, and other Offenders imported into this Province, and for the better Discovery of them*; endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 19, 1769: Read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table." Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

"By the Upper House of Assembly, December 19, 1769: Read the Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass, with the following Amendment, viz. Strike out the Third enacting Clause." Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Amendment was agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be engrossed.

The Remonstrance of the Justices of Anne-Arundel County, read the Second Time, and referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

The Petition of William Reynolds read the Second Time, and referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to examine into the State of the several public Offices, at November Sessions, 1769.

YOUR Committee having examined the State and Condition of the said Offices, do find the Books in the several Offices nearly in the same Order as at the Time of the Two last Reports, in Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-six, and Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-eight.

The General Alphabet in the Land Office rather more worn and defaced than heretofore, from frequent using the same, and in a very short Time, unless copied at the Expence of the Public, or the Judges, your Committee fear said Alphabet will become quite unintelligible in many Parts thereof, to the great Injury and Loss of many of the Inhabitants of this Province.

Your Committee find that the Treasurers Accounts in the Assembly-Office have not been recorded since the Year Seventeen Hundred and Sixty. Your Committee also find divers old Books in the Commissary's Office in very bad Condition, the Binding torn off, and several Half Sheets loose. And that many Books which contain Wills and Inventories prior to the Year Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-four, do not appear to be examined, and are very incorrect, agreeable to former Reports. And that a Bundle of Accounts, exhibited in Seventeen Hundred and Fifty-nine, and Seventeen Hundred and Sixty, is not recorded.

Your Committee must observe, that the Books and Papers in this Office appear to be well taken Care of. And your Committee beg Leave to inform your honourable House, that having had Information that a Record in the Land-Office, of a Tract of Land, called *Marshall's Addition*, granted unto a certain Isaac Marshall, of Worcester County, had been altered, immediately made Enquiry into the Matter, and found that such Information was true, being told by a young