

18 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1771.

ORDERED, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this House do forthwith serve the said *John Clapham* with a Copy of the above Order.

Mr. *Grahame* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill reviving and continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act to establish a Market at the Market-House in Chester-Town, in Kent County, and for the Regulation of the said Market.* And,

A Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the Preservation of the Breed of Fish.*

The House being informed that Mr. *John Clapham*, Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel County*, was attending at the Door: ORDERED, That he be called in, and he appeared accordingly; and at the Bar presented to the House a Proclamation.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of this House do take a Copy thereof, and make it a Part of these Proceedings: Which he accordingly did; and it follows in these Words, *viz.*

*By his Excellency ROBERT EDEN, Esq; Lieutenant-General and Chief Governor in and over the Province of Maryland.*

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

MARYLAND, S. BEING desirous to prevent any Oppressions and Extortions from being committed, under Colour of Office, by any of the Officers and Ministers of this Province, and every of them, their Deputies or Substitutes, in exacting unreasonable and excessive Fees from the good People thereof, I have thought fit, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, to issue this my Proclamation: And do hereby therefore order and direct, that from and after the Publication hereof, no Officer or Officers, (the Judges of the Land-Office excepted, who are subject to other Regulation to them given in Charge) their Deputies or Substitutes, by Reason or Colour of his or their Office or Offices, have, receive, demand or take, of any Person or Persons, directly or indirectly, any other or greater Fees than by an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees*, made and passed at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, on Tuesday the Fourth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-three, were limited and allowed; or take or receive, of any Person or Persons, on immediate Payment, (in Case Payment shall be made in Money) any larger Fee than after the Rate of Twelve Shillings and Six-pence common current Money for One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, under the Pain of my Displeasure: And to the Intent that all Persons concerned may have due Notice thereof, I do strictly charge and require the Sheriff of the City of *Annapolis*, to make this my Proclamation publick in the said City, as he will answer the contrary at his Peril. Given at the City of *Annapolis* this 26th Day of November, in the Twentieth Year of his Lordship's Dominion, *Anno Domini 1770.*

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Con.

ROB. EDEN.

Mr. *Gresham* appeared in the House.

*Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of Francis Colvill, George Washington, and John West, jun. Executors of Thomas Colvill, late of Fairfax County, in Virginia, and John Semple, Merchant, setting forth, That a certain John Colvill, late of Fairfax County aforesaid, being possessed of a Tract of Land in Frederick County, in the Province of Maryland, called *Merryland*, did by his last Will and Testament empower his Brother Thomas Colvill, one of his Executors, to sell the said Land to pay his Debts.—That the said Thomas Colvill did sell the said Land unto John Semple, one of the Petitioners, on the 8th Day of May 1765, for £. 2500 Sterling, and took the said Semple's Bond for the Payment thereof.—That the said Thomas Colvill died before he made Deeds to the said Semple, or before Semple paid the whole Sum of £. 2500 Sterling.—That John Colvill died considerably in Debt to sundry Persons, and among others, owed his Brother Thomas Colvill upwards of £. 800 Sterling.—That the said Thomas, at his Death, was indebted several Sums of Money, and bequeathed sundry Legacies, which cannot be paid unless the Executors can receive the Debt due from John Colvill's Estate, and therefore praying the House, that a Law may pass enabling the Executors of Thomas Colvill, or the Survivors of them, to make sufficient Deeds to the said John Semple, or his Assigns, for the said Lands, on his or their paying such Sum as shall appear to be due on the said Bond; or in Case the Money should not be paid within a short Space of Time, that Thomas Colvill's Executors may be by Law enabled to sell the said Lands to the highest Bidder, so as the Wills of John and Thomas Colvill may be complied with.*

ORDERED, That *William Steuart*, Clerk of the Land-Office, immediately attend at the Bar, and produce to this House the Regulation lately given in Charge to the Registers of the said Office, respecting the Fees thereof, as mentioned in the Proclamation of the 26th November, 1770.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of this House do forthwith deliver to the Serjeant at Arms attending this House a Copy of the above Order.

ORDERED, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, do forthwith serve the said *William Steuart* with a Copy of the above Order.

The House being informed, that Mr. *William Steuart*, Clerk of the Land-Office, was attending at the Door; ORDERED, That he be called in; he appeared accordingly, and at the Bar presented to the House a Paper Writing under the Great Seal, which the Clerk of this House is directed to take a Copy of, and enter among the Proceedings; which he accordingly did, and it follows in these Words, *viz.*

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