

above two years are barr'd from recovering the twenty p Cent. to the great Surprize of all Persons. Original Journal.

3^{dly} In the bill it is declar'd Protested bills are to be equal to Specialtys but by the latter part of that Clause directing the paym^t thereof by Ex^{rs} or Adm^{rs} by a Sort of a Negative pregnant they are made inferiour.

4^{thly} The Security propos'd & at the Discretion or perhaps good will of the Justices is alltogether introductory of an Arbitrary power to the said Justices to favour whome they please to the prejudice of many others.

5^{thly} Bills of Exchange being the Standard of Trade ought not to be abas'd twenty p Cent being no great advantage much less a reasonable Recompence in Case of Disappointment to trading people neither is Currant Coine here answerable to Merchants bills & the growing Interest propos'd on p. 59 protested bills in the Country will be very intricate.

6^{thly} The house have left out of the bill the making Lands a Chattle which would be the only means to pay bills & Deter insolvent Drawers encouraged by their not affecting their Plantations Wherefore this Board cannot Consent to the bill as propos'd but recomend it to be past with 90 days usance

The aforegoing Remarks sent to the house by Coll Jenkins.
The Board adjourns till the Afternoon

Post Meridiem The Council Sate

Present as in the Morning

M^r Hays & M^r Howe bring up the Bill declaring several private Acts to be in force Which was read & past & sent to the house

The Bill for suspending the Prosecution of Popish Priests &c—And the Bill for erecting a Parish on the North side of Elke River being both Ingrossed were read & assented to by this board & sent to the house by Coll Holland.

Came M^r Henry Coursey & brought up an Address to her Majesty & another to the Lord High Treasurer.

Both which are as follows

To the Queens most excellent Majesty

The humble Address of yo^r Governour Council & Assembly of this your Majestys Province of Maryland now Convened.

Whereas This your Majestys Province is wholly Destitute of any Manner of Coine for want of which we labour under the greatest difficulties & Inconveniencies imaginable Our Tradesmen for want of prompt payment deserting us Our p. 60