

U. H. J. Journal till Saturday noon the 7th Inst^t nor did we till late on Saturday receive your message in relation to her Majesty's Commands about the Fines for Ordinary Lycences the Consideration whereof having lain before you from the Beginning of this Session It seems unreasonable you should Circumscribe us in the time for Consideration thereof & for Examination of the Journal of the Committee of Accompts It being every whit as much a Duty incumbent on us as your House to see the Allowances therein are just & rightly computed therefore cannot but resent such Usage

As we think ourselves proper Judges of the Business before this Board we did at the Beginning of this Session knowing it was very considerable direct the Clerk of our Board who has been long a Servant to the Country & much indisposed in his Health to imploy a Clerk Assistant which notwithstanding your assertion we find has been practised & allowed in former Sessions of Assembly Accordingly we swore M^r Benjamin Tasker who has been diligent in that Service and therefore desire you will order him Satisfaction—the Clerk of this Board makes no pretence therefore to any reward and when by Inspection of the Journal of the Committee of Accompts Anno 1704 you find the mistake of your Assertion the Clerk of this Board being then allowed for a Clerk Assistant we hope we shall have no further occasion to press you in this matter

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Col Holland & M^r Hall came and were added to the Board M^r Tyler & three more brought seven Engrossed Bills assented to by the House of Delegates Viz.

A Bill for the Relief of Jn^o Smith of Cecil County in regulating a mistake in a certain Deed of Bargain and Sale from the Devisees of Philip Lynes Esq^r to him made

A Bill for Supplying a Defect in the last Will & Testament of Jeremiah Sullivan.

A Bill for more speedy conveying publick Letters & packetts & defraying the Charge thereof & to prevent the Abuses of breaking open & concealing any Letters whatsoever

A Bill to restrain the ill practices used by Sherriffs in taking Goods by fieri facias & selling them by Venditioni exponas

A Bill for the Naturalization of Stephen Rich of Queen Anns County Carpenter & his Children John Lornee of Dorchester County Weaver & his Children & Samuel Berry of Kent County Carpenter