

where his Excellency the Governor passed the ingrossed Bill intituled, An Act for the Adjournment and Continuance of Talbot County Court into a Law, in the usual Manner. Mr. Speaker (with the Members of the Lower House) returned and re-assumed the Chair.

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The Bill intituled, An Act for raising a Duty of Three Halfpence, &c. for the Use of the Governor; the Bill intituled, An Act empowering the Justices of Prince George's County, to Levy, &c. and the Bill intituled, An Act for the Relief of Thomas Barkley, &c. were severally read, and passed for ingrossing.

The Bill intituled, A Supplementary and Explanatory Act to an Act intituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and other Slaves, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders; and a Supplementary Act to an Act intituled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meetings and other Irregularities of Negroes and other Slaves, was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Major Hall from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill intituled, A Supplementary Act to an Act intituled, An Act to aid the Title of Purchasers of Lots in Princess-Anne-Town, in Somerset County; and a Bill intituled, An Explanatory Act to the Act intituled, An Act for Marking of Highways, and making the Heads of Rivers, Creeks, Branches, and Swamps, passable for Horse and Foot; which Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

His Excellency the Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

His Majesty out of tender Regard for the Lives and Fortunes of his Subjects in this, as well as the neighbouring Provinces, has commanded the Secretary of State, to advise us of the Danger of suffering a foreign Power to intrude and make Settlements on any of his Majesty's American Dominions: Our Interest in such an Event, tho' his Majesty had not been pleased to signify his Royal Pleasure, would make this Affair worthy our most serious Consideration: But when you see by that Letter from the Earl of Holderness, that should the neighbouring Colonies make Application to us for Assistance, I might be under a Necessity of convening you, without Respect to the Inclemency of the Season, or other Inconveniences, unless before the Conclusion of this Session, a Fund be established for such Uses. I make no doubt but the Consideration of the vast Expence extraordinary Meetings of Assembly occasion to the Country, and also that it is not so easy and practicable to raise Money upon an Emergency as properly to apply it, will induce you to consider at this Time our Indian Allies, whose Affections the French will endeavour by every Artifice to alienate from our Interest: And