

present severe Season will admit of. All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your honorable House.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Dec. 19

Signed by Order Henry Gassaway Cl: Com

Which was read, and referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly. p. 44

The engrossed Bill, entitled, An Act for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned; read and assented to, and, with the Paper Bill thereof, sent to the Upper House by M.^r Beall, and M.^r Buchanan

The engrossed Bills, entitled, An Act to repeal Part of an Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, Crows, and Squirrels

An Act to appropriate the Half Acre of Ground therein mentioned to the use of the public School in Frederick County

A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act ascertaining the Height of Fences, &c.^a And

An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province and for the Encouragement of Ann Catharine Green of the City of Annapolis, Printer; were, with the Paper Bills thereof, sent to the Upper House by M.^r Beall, and M.^r Buchanan.

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, sent to the Upper House by M.^r Hayward and M.^r Contee.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to aid the Navigation on the River Patowmack. sent to the Upper House by M.^r Johnson and M.^r Lockett

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 Sea; read the Second Time and will pass. Sent to the Upper House by M.^r Paca, and M.^r Dickinson.

The Governor communicated to M.^r Speaker the following Message.

December 19.th 1769

Gentlemen,

Your Address of the Morning contains an heavy Charge against M.^r Lee the Sheriff of Charles County: Be assured that I shall immediately proceed to make a full and strict Enquiry on the Subject; for as, on the one Hand, Officers who faithfully discharge their Duty are entitled to my Protection; so, on the other, I shall ever think it incumbent on me to give the greatest Discountenance to those who do not

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