

L. H. J. His Excellency communicates to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Mes-  
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p. 345 Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly.

Your Assurance of your Attention to the several Subjects I have on former Occasions recommended to you, on your Conviction of their Utility, gives me Pleasure; and I can only repeat, that I shall be happy in passing into Laws any Regulations you may agree upon.

26.<sup>th</sup> March, 1774.

Rob.<sup>t</sup> Eden.

Which was read.

M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker laid before the House a Petition of Thomas Bedford, John Carter, William Dennis, and Andrew Spence, setting forth, That they are Sailors belonging to the Ship Chance, Captain Robert Campbell Commander; that the Captain had very cruelly treated them, for which Reason they left the Ship, now lying in the Harbour; whereupon the said Captain had, and still has, their Bodies confined in Jail: And therefore praying the Interposition of the Legislature.

Which was read and rejected.

On Motion, Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Officers Fees; and that M.<sup>r</sup> T. Wright, M.<sup>r</sup> Johnson, M.<sup>r</sup> Sim, M.<sup>r</sup> Ringgold, M.<sup>r</sup> Chase, M.<sup>r</sup> J. Hall, M.<sup>r</sup> Paca, M.<sup>r</sup> Tyler, M.<sup>r</sup> Hammond, M.<sup>r</sup> Worthington, M.<sup>r</sup> Earle, M.<sup>r</sup> White, and M.<sup>r</sup> Aq. Hall, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for abolishing June County Courts; and that M.<sup>r</sup> Johnson, M.<sup>r</sup> T. Wright, M.<sup>r</sup> Bond, M.<sup>r</sup> Barnes, and M.<sup>r</sup> Chamberlaine, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for more effectually preventing the buying and selling of Offices; and that M.<sup>r</sup> Chase and M.<sup>r</sup> Paca do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Relief of insolvent Debtors; and that M.<sup>r</sup> Chase, M.<sup>r</sup> Thomas, M.<sup>r</sup> Griffith, M.<sup>r</sup> Tolly, and M.<sup>r</sup> Chamberlaine, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Enlargement of the Powers of the Corporation and the Jurisdiction of the Mayor's Court of the City of Annapolis, and that M.<sup>r</sup> Paca, M.<sup>r</sup> Hammond, M.<sup>r</sup> Chase, M.<sup>r</sup> J. Hall, and M.<sup>r</sup> Johnson, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act against Ingrossers and Regrators; and that M.<sup>r</sup> Chase, M.<sup>r</sup> Thomas, and M.<sup>r</sup> Paca, do prepare and bring in the same.

William Fitzhugh, Esq; from the Upper House delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Adjournment of the Provincial Court, thus indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly,