

Wednesday Morning, May 18, 1737.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Justices of St. Mary's County Court, to purchase Land whereon to build a Prison.* Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Matthews, from the Committee of Aggrievances, delivers the following Report.

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, May 18, 1737.

Your Committee having had before them Complaints, That in some of His Lordship's Grants to his Tenants, where the Rent reserved is to be paid in Grain, to be delivered at His Lordship's Receipt, without any Place being expressed where it shall be received; the same Tenants are not directed by any of the Farmers or Receivers where to pay them; so that the Persons indebted are forced to remain so, for the want of naming a Place: Which your Committee represents to the House, and submits to its Consideration.

Sign'd per Order of the Committee, Thomas Lynn, Clerk.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the further explaining and carrying into Execution An Act for laying out and applying 3500 l. Current Money of Maryland, to the Uses therein mentioned.* Read the second Time, passed, and sent to the Upper House, by Col. Hooper, and Mr. Richard Francis.

The House adjourns until Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

A Supplementary Bill, to the Acts, intituled, *the Acts for the Relief of Debtors; and ascertaining the Manner of Tenders in Tobacco.* Read the first Time, and ordered to lye on the Table.

The House adjourns until To-morrow Morning, at Nine of the Clock.

Thursday Morning, May 19, 1737.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

A Petition of Nicholas Lowe, and Others, late Sheriffs of Talbot County, and of John Goldsborough, the present Sheriff. Read, and rejected.

On Motion of a Member, Leave given to bring in a Bill for ascertaining the Manner of Payment of Fees due from Criminal Persons.

Col. King, from the Committee of Accounts, brings in an Account of the Publick Stock, signed by Col. Charles Hammond, as Treasurer of the Western Shore; upon which, the House resolve to make Enquiry into the Commission by which he has acted as such, and into the former Manner of appointing Treasurers: And ordered, That Col. Gale, Messieurs Stoughton, Key, and Ten-b Francis, make Enquiry, and make a Report thereon to the House.

The House adjourns until Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Justices of St. Mary's County Court, to purchase Lands whereon to build a Prison.* Read the second Time, and will pass. Sent to the Upper House, by Messieurs Key, and Waughop.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of Debtors; and ascertaining the Manner of Tenders in Tobacco.* Read the second Time, and will pass. Sent to the Upper House, by Col. Hooper, and Mr. Hall.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the 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 to An Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meetings and other Irregularities of Negroes and other Slaves; and directing the Manner of trying Slaves.* Read a second Time, and will pass, with the following Amendments.

By the Lower House of Assembly, May 19, 1737.

Amendments to the Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the 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 to An Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meetings and other Irregularities of Negroes, and other Slaves; and directing the Manner of trying Slaves, viz. In the 3d Line of the second Page, after the Word Rape, let these Words be inserted, upon any White Woman. In the 5th Line of the 3d Page, after the Word Assizes, add these Words, or County Court which shall first happen. And in the 6th Line of the same Page, add these Words after the Word them, viz. or County Court which shall first happen. In the 2d Line of the 5th Page, after the Word sitting, put these Words, or the Justices of the County Court who shall preside. In the 7th Line of the same Page, put these Words between the Words present and accordingly, viz. or County Court. From the Word executed, in the last Line but one of the 5th Page, to the Word act, in the 6th Line of the 10th Page, be left out. In the 13th Page, and 5th Line, put these Words after the Word Slave, viz. to be adjudged in either Case at the Tryal, by the Court before whom the Fact shall be tried. In the 9th Line of the same Page, put the Word this, instead of the Words the aforesaid. Between the first and second Line of the last Page, after the Word Suit, add these Words, to be recovered with Costs of Suit, by Indictment, or Information of the Court of the County where such Neglect shall happen; and apply'd to defray the County Charge.*

Sign'd per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lr. Ho.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to remove some Doubts concerning the Probats of Wills.* Referred for a further Reading, on the Thirtieth Day of June next.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Entail of a Tract of Land, called, Wilson's Grove, &c.* Read a second Time, and passed. Sent to the Upper House, by Messieurs Denton, and Tilghman.

Col. Hammond, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Bill, intituled, *An Act for Limitation for shipping Tobacco: Indors'd.* Read by the Upper House the second Time, and will not pass.