

A Bill, entituled, *An Act to Cut and Bar the Entail of part of a certain Tract of Land called Williams's Range in Prince George's County and to Settle other Lands in lieu thereof*: Read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, and will Pass.

Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Moale and Capt. Gassaway.
The House Adjourns to 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem.

Mr. Dulany hath Leave to be absent 'till Monday.

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts employ a Clerk Assistant.

A Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Security of Orphans and Creditors*: Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill, entituled, *An Act to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Province to keep their Prisoners in the County Goals that are now Built or shall be hereafter Built*: Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, June 1. 1739.

Y Our Committee most humbly observe, that since the Erecting of a Chancery Court by the Laws of this Province, the Custom and Usage has been, where Matters were to be Examined into out of Court, that upon the Prayer of the Parties to the Chancellor, a Commission did Issue to Four credible Gentlemen of the Neighbourhood most capable, and living commodious, to Examine Evidences, Accounts, and other Matters, and to make Return of such their Proceedings into the said Chancery Court.

That the said Method has been found Convenient; and of no great Charge to the Suitors in the said Court.

That of late a new Office has been Erected, and an Officer appointed in the said Chancery Court, without any Law of this Province to Support the same, and by whom new Fees are taken, Burthensome and Oppressive: And the said Office and Officer no way Answering the Convenience and Service of the People, equal to the Commissioners as afore said time out of mind appointed to the same Purposes and Uses.

Your Committee most humbly conceive, that according to the Laws of our Mother Country (the Birth-right of every Liege Subject here) that no new Offices can be Erected with new Fees, nor new Fees appointed to old Offices, without our Common Assent in Assembly: Wherefore, and inasmuch as the Contrary has been done in this Case, your Committee most humbly conceive the same to be an Aggrievance, and Innovation on the Right of his Majesty's Liege, Natural and Dutiful Subjects the People of

Maryland: