

PROCEEDINGS AND ACTS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF MARYLAND,

*At a Session held at Annapolis,
September 16-October 2, 1696.*

CHARLES CALVERT, LORD BALTIMORE,
Proprietary.

FRANCIS NICHOLSON,
Governor.

THE UPPER HOUSE.

L. H. J. ing to the Originall [and true] Intent of the house, and the last three pence to continue and be in force until the 12th day of May which shall be in the year of our Lord God 1698, and apply'd to the building of the Church at Annapolis.

Signed p Ord^r W. Bladen Clk: Assembly.

Sent p Major Dent The Bill for keeping good Rules and Orders in the porte of Annapolis.

A Petitionary Bill about the Comissarys Office read the first tyme and passed.

Then Came to the house the hon^{ble} Colonel Hutchins and Colonel Greenberry and bringe downe from his Ex^{ty} one of his Ma^{ty}s Royall Instructions to his Ex^{ty} which is as followeth.

p. 120 And you are particularly not to pass any law or any Act by Grant, Settlem^t or otherwise whereby our Revenue may be lessened or impaired without our Speciall leave or Comand for it.

Fr. Nicholson.

House Adjourned for two hours.

Post Merediem, House met.

A Bill for securing the Parochiall Librarys assented to by the house

A Bill for Speedy Recovery of Small Debts, assented to by the house.

The above Bills sent to his Ma^{ty}s hon^{ble} Council with 3 Addresses by M^r John Hall.

The petition of Severall Merch^s of New Yorke read.

Put to the Question if the Inhabitants of New Yorke shall not pay the 10 p cent duty as well as those of Pensilvania, And carryed in the affirmative, that they shall pay the same.

A petitionary Bill about the Comissary's Office, read the second tyme and comitted.

House adjourned till 9 of the Clock to morrow morning.

Wednesday Sept^r 30th 1696.

A Petitionary Bill about the Comissary's office, read the third tyme, and put to the Question if the s^d Bill shall pass, and carryed in the Affirmative.

A Bill relating to Bayle to be taken by the Sherriffe in Actions of trespass upon the Case, read and passed.

It being recomended that some Encouragement be given M^r Gaddes the Schole Mast^r sent in by his Lords^p the Bishop of London.

The house desire his Ex^{ty} will appoint him to read prayers L. H. J. in some Parish where no minister is Collated and that he may receive a Sallary therefore out of the 40^l of tob^o p poll, not exceeding 10000^l tob^o p Annu^r Sent to his Excellency.

A Bill for Marking of Roades, read the third tyme and passed.

Put to the question and Resolved by Majority of voices that the additional duty of 3^d p hh^d for defraying the publike charge of this province be for one year apply'd to the building of the church at Annapolis.

Put to the question and Resolved that 200^l of the 300^l publike Revenue in S^r Edmond Andros hands be given to the use of free schools in this province, and fifty pounds of the said mony to S^r Thomas Lawrence when he procures the Act for coyns to pass.

Resolved the following Message be sent to his Ex^{ty} and his Maj^{ty}^s hon^{ble} Council.

By the house of Burgesses Sep^r the 30th 1696.

This house have Seriously considered of the Severall proposals made to us by his Ex^{ty} for granting three pence p hh^d more then what is already allowed, and after all our endeavours we find we cannot do it without offering violence to our own Consciences and country, and desire that it may not be ill p. 127 resented in us; for we are and always shall be ready to do any thing we can for the Service of our God, King and Country, according to the best of our Judgm^{ts} and reason, and to shew our readiness to contribute to the utmost of our Ability's to the Service of God in building a church and Free schole at Annapolis. We have proposed and Resolved that out of the Revenue raised for defraying the charge of this Province by the 3^d p hh^d one years Revenue thereof be appropriated towards building the Church at Annapolis. And that out of the 300^l Sterl: to be returned to this Province by his Ex^{ty} S^r Edm^d Andros after the 50^l deducted for S^r Thomas Laurence his Sallary as President &c. 50^l more to the s^d S^r Tho^s Laurence if the church, schole law and Coyns pass his Maj^{ty}^s royall Assent. The other 200^l we are desirous should be appropriated to the free school at Annapolis; but in case the said act of Religion Schole and Coyns do not pass. We are desirous that, that 50^l also be appropriated to the use of the Free Schole to which we humbly pray his Ex^{ty} & Council's concurence.

We also humbly Pray the hon^{ble} Council will with us interceed to his Ex^{ty} to joyne with us in an Address to his Ma^{ty} for reliefe of Severall of his Ma^{ty}^s loving Subjects in this province