Your Committee find that Alexander Somerville performed the L. H. J. recruiting Service mentioned in this petition and was at a very considerable Expence in carrying up his Recruits to Fort Frederick having no more than One Shilling per Day allowed him for Provision for said Recruits That after he had a Commission as Ensign he recruited upwards of 30 Men more for the Service with whom he was at a much greater Charge than the Sum allowed for their Maintenance would defray and that he was obliged to allow the Sum of £7..7s..11d for his proportion of the Charge of Solliciting for and receiving the pay due to him and advanced by the Crown

Your Committee find the Allegations and Facts contained in the petition of Barton Lucas to be true and that the Sum due to him for pay was advanced by the Crown and Amounted after deducting 7½ p Cent for his proportion of the Charge of Solliciting for and receiving the same to the Sum of £24.05.7d

All which is humbly submitted to the Hon. ble House

Signed p Order John Duckett Jun. Clk

which Report was read the first Time and Ordered to lye on the Table p. 305 Col.º Hooper from the Upper House delivers to Mr Speaker the Bill Entitled An Act to establish a Road from Hunting Creek in Dorchester County to Dover in Talbot County Indorsed By the Upper House of Assembly 3.d Decr 1765 Read the first and second Time by especial Order and will pass

Signed per Order UScott Cl Up. Ho.

which Bill was read here and passed for Ingrossing The House adjourns till 2 o' the Clock

PM.

The House met

M.r E. Gantt appears in the House

M. J. Adams hath Leave of Absence

The Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled An Act for Amending the Staple of Tob.º &c was read the second Time and will pass

Samuel Chase Esq.r from the Committee appointed brings in and delivers to Mr Speaker

A Bill Entituled an Act continuing an Act for the Relief of such persons as cannot find Surety for their Appearance to testify as a Witness against any person Arrested Accused or prosecuted for any Criminal Matter

A Bill Entituled An Act continuing an Act Entituled an Act for repairing the public Roads in this Province and the Supplementary Act thereto