

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
Nov. 14

The Burthen occasioned by our present Method of providing for the Poor is generally felt and complained of, and we could wish to see some better Regulation of this Matter universally introduced into this Province.

Upon having Recourse to the last Years Levy Lists, returned to the Clerk of the Council, for Ten Counties only, (The Returns from the Counties of Frederic, S^t Marys, Worcester, and Queen Ann's not having yet been made,) we find the Amount of the Poor's Rate, therein, including Sheriffs Commission, to be One Million Three hundred Seven Thousand Six hund.^d and forty two Pounds of Tobacco. Whether the Erection of Work-houses or Houses of Correction, in all the Counties, would not give great Relief to the Inhabitants in the annual Levies, afford a more regular and better applied Provision for the Poor, check the Disorders committed by common Beggars & idle Vagabonds, and lay a Foundation for useful Industry, we refer to your Consideration.

Signed p Order Upton Scott Cl: Up: Mo:

On Motion made by Dulany Esquire, Leave given to bring in a Bill to aid common Recoveries for the Security of Purchasers upon valuable Consideration.

Adjourned until 3 °Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

The House met according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning.

Read & referred to the Consideration of the Lower House, the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Ann Arundel County, praying that an Hospital or Work-house may be erected and also the Petition of Ann Ogle, Benjamin Tasker Esq.^r & John Hammond Esquire, Send by Benedict Calvert Esquire.

Adjourned until 10 °Clock tomorrow Morning

Nov. 15

Friday Morning Novem.^r 15.th 1765

This House met according to Adjournment.

Present as Yesterday

Read & referred to the Consideration of the Lower House the foll.^s Petitions Viz.^t

The Petition of Cap.ⁿ Joshua Bell, Capt Franc.^s Ware, & Lieut.^t Reason Bell, late Officers in the Maryland Forces, The Petition of several Inhabitants of Kent County, praying Leave to erect a new Church, The Petition of the Vestry & Inhabitants of S.^t Pauls Parish in Kent County; The Petition of the vestry and Inhabitants of