

L. H. J. on the Honour, Justice and Impartiality of this House and highly
 Liber No. 54 derogatory of its Rights and Privileges
 Oct. 20

Philip Meroney, the Person deputed by the Serjeant at Arms to serve the Order of this House, of the thirteenth Instant being called upon to give this House an Account of the Conduct of the Persons on whom he served the same, acquainted the House, that Mess.^{rs} Robert Alexander and Thomas Jones, at the Time of serving the Order, told him that they would attend the House, if it suited them, but they did not know whether they would or not, and they, tho' repeatedly requested by him, would not satisfy him whether they would attend.

Resolved, That the said Robert Alexander and Thomas Jones, are guilty of a Breach of the Privilege of this House, and Contempt against the same, by their Answer to the Officer deputed by the Serjeant at Arms to serve the Order of this House of the 13.th of October 1770

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms, attending this House, do forthwith take into his Custody the Bodies of Robert Alexander and Thomas Jones and have them immediately at the Bar of this House, to answer a Breach of the Privilege of this House, and Contempt against the same, by their Answer to the Officer deputed by the Serjeant at Arms, to serve the Order of this House of the 13.th of October 1770.

p. 114 William Hayward, Esq^r from the Upper House delivers to M.^r Speaker the Petition of Francis Baker of Cecil County, praying that Part of the Lands of Henry Baker, late of Cecil County, deceased, might be sold for the Payment of the Debts of the said Henry Baker. Which was read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, to the House. And M.^r N. Thomas, M.^r Tilghman, M.^r Ward and M.^r Gilpin are appointed a Committee accordingly and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

On reading a second Time the Petition of Nehemiah Tilghman and Solomon Townsend, Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, to the House. And M.^r Allen, M.^r Hooper, and M.^r Dashiell are appointed a Committee accordingly. And they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records

M.^r Deye and M.^r Contee have Leave of Absence till Monday next
 M.^r Key hath Leave of Absence.

The House adjourns till Monday Morning Eight O'Clock