

The Committee of Aggravances entered the House and reports as follows—

By the Committee of Aggravances October 29<sup>th</sup> 1799

It is humbly offered to this Committee as an Aggravance that the several Ordinary Hoopors within this Province have given large Credit to Sailors belonging to several Ships trading into the Said Province to the great Inconvenience of their Said Masters Refusing for that when their Said Sailors should be about their Service they are kept and detained by the Said Ordinary Hoopors tipling in their Houfes and likewise when the Said Masters are ready to proceed on their Voyages they are forced to stay some Time to discharge their Said Sailors Debts so contracted as aforesaid All which is humbly offered to the Honble House of Delegates to consider thereof Signed by Order John Deale C. Clerk

Which being read in the House Resolved it is an Aggravance and recommended to the Committee of Laws to prepare a Bill to prohibit Ordinary Hoopors from trusting Sailors or suffering them to be tipling in their Houfes and that if they do they shall have no Relief by Complaint to a Justice or any Action against any such Sailor for their Debts, and Ordered that Clerk of the County Courts give a Copy of this Law to each Naval Officer to be affixed publicly in his Office that the Masters of Ships may be acquainted therewith.

The House adjourns till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock

Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of October 1799 The House again met according to Adjournment. Being called over were present as on Saturday

The Petition of Tobias and John Leland of Dorchester County and a Bill brought in therewith was read the first Time and ordered a second Reading.

Petition of some Inhabitants of St. Mary's County for a Town to be erected on Chaptin Run in the Said County Read and granted. Sent to Committee of Laws of

George Torguson and Sarah Philips Petition Read and further referred for Consideration

Isaac Nicholls, Son and Heir of John Nicholls late of Dorchester County preferred his Petition and was here read and Ordered that a Bill be brought in to empower Mr. Hugh Eccleston, Mr. Walter Lambolt, Mr. John Hudson, Mr. Henry Cornalls and Mr. Gervat Looherman or any of them to value the Land in the Petition mentioned of

Matthew Mason's Petition referred to further Consideration.

George Parker's Petition read and referred to Consideration of the next Session of Assembly

Richard Acton's Petition read and referred to Mr. Thomas Birdsey and Mr. Rich. Colgate to make Enquiry into the Complaint of the Petitioner and report it to the House with all convenient Speed

Samuel Dorsey's Petition read in the House and rejected

Queen Ann's County Petition for removing their County Court House rejected.

Daniel Laubst's Petition praying Naturalization was read and granted. Recommended to the Committee of Laws to prepare a Bill for that Purpose