

Tuesday 30th of October 1683 The house met again

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Present

The Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary  
The honourable

{ Coll Henry Coursey	{ Coll William Stevens
{ Coll Vincent Lowe	{ Coll William Digges
{ Coll Henry Darnall	{ M <sup>r</sup> Secretary Sewall
{ Coll Thomas Tailler	{ M <sup>r</sup> Secretary Darnall

Then was further Debated the Business of M<sup>r</sup> Rousby and Spernon and his Lordship Requested Coll Henry Coursey Coll William Stevens Coll William Digges and Coll William Burgess that they would take the full Examination of both parties and the Evidences on either Side and report the whole State of the Case in writing to his Lordship; They go out—

The Bill for Regulating the Tares of Tobacco hogsheads read and assented to by this house.—

The house Adjourned for an hour then Sat again

Then Came into this house Coll Coursey Coll Stevens Coll Digges and Coll Burges with the Report of the Case between M<sup>r</sup> Rousby and Spernon which was read in this house as followeth

To the Right honourable the Lord Proprietary

We the persons appointed by Your Lordship to hear and Report to you the State of the Case betwixt John Rousby Plaintiff and Joseph Spernon Defendant touching two runaway Servants of the said Rousby do humbly present as followeth Viz<sup>t</sup>—

Imp<sup>rs</sup> We applyed Ourselves to the Reccords to view the said Rousbys Writt and Declaration the Date of the Writt being the 14th of December 1680 the Return being the 15th of february following in which Declaration he Complains of a Tresspass upon the Case Damages 12000 <sup>l</sup> of Tobacco for that the said Spernon had taken up two Servants or Runaways and by Misseizance of his Office as Constable in not Carrying them before the next Justice of Peace according to Law where they might have been Secured but contrary brought them to his own house from whence they made their Escape by which Misseizance he became so much Damaged—

2<sup>dly</sup> We find upon the Record that upon a Jury Raymond Stapleford being foreman the Verdict was given against the said Spernon 6000 <sup>l</sup>s of Tobacco Damages and Judgment past by Default for the same in respect neither Spernon nor any Attorney appeared for him upon which Judgment Execution followeth &c: