

The petition of Thomas Tench Esq^r The hon^{ble} James Frisby Esq^r & divers other Gentⁿ Merch^{ts} and factors for and on behalfe of themselves and others Original Journal.

Ordered that a Bill be p^rpared for the speedy hearing & determining of those Actions wherein Merch^{ts} are Suitors

Upon reading the petitions of Peter fferdinando and Willm Shoote

Ordered that they be allowed each of them yearly 2000 l of tob a peice out of the publique Levy of this province to be paid them in Charles County.

Allen Robinett his petition read and referrd to the Co^mittee of Acc^{ts} for Allowance. p. 12

George Williams petition read and referrd to the Com^{rs} of Talbott County

Sam^l Howard his [petition read and referred] to the Co^mittee of Acc^{ts} for Allowance.

James Forster [his petition read and referred] to the Co^mittee of Acc^{ts} who are to [enquire and if not already satisfy'd] to allow the same

The petition of [Phillip Pitt and others ves]trymen of the parish of Great Choptanck in [Dorchester County read] And thereupon the House are of Opinion that the s^d Vestry [proceed to] build their Church as to them shall seem convenient.

Vpon reading the petition of Sev^rall the Inhabitants of Dorchester County.

Put to the Question if the Act ag^t Strikeing of ffish in Dorchester and Somerset County's shall be repealed

Carried by Majority of Voices not to be repealed.

Upon reading one other petition to this house of Allen Robinett

Ordered that the said Allen Robinett keep the Ferry over Severne River untill his 12 months be expired Viz^t from March last to March ensuing, And that the severall persons crossing the said fferry not being Inhabitants of this province pay him his Reasonable Reward for setting them over And that for keeping the said fferry he shall have and receive out of the publique Levy of this province nine thousand pounds of tob, provided the said Robinett reside constantly in the port of Annapolis and keep his Boat on this Syde the River otherwise Major Hamond and Major Dorsey are impowered to agree with Some other person that will undertake to keep the same

The house adjourned for an hour.

Post Meridiem House met absent

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Mr Watson Mr Hutchins Mr Rob^t Smith Mr Scarbourough & Col Codd.