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Journal. Ordered that the Lawyers be consulted therein & make report accordingly their opinion to this board with all convenient speed.

A peticōn of M<sup>r</sup> William Sharpes being also brought by the said messengers is referred to be read till to morrow morning

June the 2<sup>d</sup> 1697.

The Council againe sate & were present as yesterday except Coll Jowles & the Gentl<sup>m</sup> appoynted vpon the Committee

The peticōn of William Sharpe yesterday brought from the house was as followes Viz<sup>t</sup>

To the Committee of Redresse of greivances

The peticōn of William Sharp of Talbot County Sheweth

That whereas y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> was heretofore sued as security for & with one John Tench for 1000<sup>l</sup> Sterl & whereas y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> was informed that all those bonds would not be brought to tryall so soone as they were but have longer time allowed them for their defence wherevpon y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> went home from the prov<sup>ll</sup> Court leaving with his Attorney noe manner of instruccōns to defend the suit wherevpon Judgem<sup>t</sup> was got against y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> by non sum Informatus & afterwards the s<sup>d</sup> Tench was sued vpon the said bond who pleaded it was not his deed and the Jury found that it was not his deed & Judgem<sup>t</sup> was given vpon the Verdict for the deft. And therevpon the Attorney gen<sup>ll</sup> appealed to the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Council, and y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> brought a writt of Error vpon the Judgem<sup>t</sup> given against him and procured a writt of supersedeas directed to the Sheriffe of Talbot County but before y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> could get out of towne the Sheriffe of Ann Arrundell County late on Saturday night about Twelve of the Clock came to serve ag<sup>t</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> with Execucōn on the s<sup>d</sup> Judgem<sup>t</sup> & y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> shewed the s<sup>d</sup> Sheriffe the writt of supersedeas who would take noe notice thereof but served the Execucōn & detained y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> therevpon in prison contrary to law & the liberty of the Subject & therefore y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> offers this to the Committee humbly praying that his case may by this Committee represented to the house of Assembly in order to be releived according to law.

And he will pray &c.

By the house of Burgesses May the 28, 1697.

The above peticōn being read Voted nemine Contradicente that the takeing the pet<sup>r</sup> & detaining him in prison after he