

L. H. J. from the poor of the same in the publick Leavy excepting all such Severall sumes which by law are appropriated to and for the use of the free schoole.

Signed by order

C Gregory clk: house of Delegates.

The house adjourned till one a Clock.

Eod Die the house mett, and were absent as before.

M^r Sharpes peticōn read viz^t

To the hon^{ble} the Delegates and Burgesses now assembled at the port of Annapolis.

The humble peticōn of W^m Sharpe of Talbott County Merch^t

Humbly Sheweth.

That your peticon^r haveing four Servant Women sent by one in Virg^a to convey them to M^r George Hutchison in Pennsylvania and because yo^r pet^r would not do any thing but what should be allowable in Law, he therefore made report to the officers appointed for the same, but the officer upon that report made, detained the s^d Servants, till he should be paid ten p cent for the value of the s^d Serv^{ts} which was by the s^d pet^r accordingly Complied with he pretending to demand and require the same by virtue of the act of assembly of this province, whereas these were Servants that were bought in Virg^a and only sent the nearest way to pennsylvania not brought out of England to transport through this province, nor are they as your pet^r is advised such goods and manufactures as is
p. 254 Expressed or Intended by the s^d Act and therefore ought not to pay that Duty.

Your pet^r therefore humbly prayes this Gen^l Assembly's Iudgm^t whether Ten p cent is Included or Intended to be Included in the said act for servants only travelling through this province as afs^d and if it is not to be paid the officer may be ordered to reimburse the same to your petitioner.

And as in duty bound he shall ever pray &c.

It is the opinion of this house that the said Serv^{ts} are not within the tenor or pveiwe of that act of Assembly if his Ex^{cy} and Councill shall concurr there^{wt}

C Gregory Clk: house of Delegates.

This board concurr with the opinion of the house though they think the officer did any thing but his duty therein

W Bladen Clk: of Councill.