

laid upon to be Exported as being the least burthensome to the poore and necessitous people of the province and scarcely perceptible to those who are capable of Shipping to: whereby the publick Charge of the province will be the Easier defrayed. Original Journal.

Signed p Order,
W Bladen Clk. Councill.

Which being read it is putt to the question wheither the 3^d p^h addiconall Duty be raised for defraying the publick charge or not.

Carried by majority of votes that an ad^l duty of 3^d p^h may be advanced towards paym^t of the public charge of the province.

And ordered that the Committee of Laws prepare a bill for that purpose.

And ordered that an answer to the aforesd, Message be drawne up and sent to his Ex^{cy} and Councill for that purpose.

The house adjournes till 2 a Clock in the Afternoone.

Post Merediem. The house mett againe and were called over. p^rsent as in the morning only M^r Jn^o Lowe sick.

The peticon of Maj^r W^m Barton Sher: of Prince Georges Co^{ty} for an allowance for imprisonm^t fees for a serv^t boy in his Custody read and ordered Maj^r Barton be called into the house. Who appeared and is Desired to Explain his peticon which was received and is ordered to withdraw, and the peticon was againe read and Debated.

It is the opinion of this house that the Sher: be Satisfied for his imprison^t fees from the time that the said Serv^t boy was comitted untill his Mast^r disclaimed him.

But put to the question whether Prince Georges Co^{ty} shall pay the fees or the burthen thereof be bourne by the publick. Carried by the Majority of voices that Prince Georges County ought to make satisfaction for the said imprisonment fees.

And it is resolved by the house that Prince Georges County pay the said fees to the Sherriff from the time he was legally comitted to his Custody till the ma^r of the said Boy disclaimed him.

Coll^o Edward Loyd, M^r James Saunders M^r Jn^o Wight, M^r Wm. Parker, Cap^t John ffrancklyn M^r Jacob Lookerman, Maj^r James Smallwood sent up to his Ex^{cy} and Councill with the following bills, viz.

A Bill for Speedy obtayning executions &c.

A Bill to encourage the importacon of Coyne, and an Ordinance concerning Indian Lands.