

P. R. O. Which was here read and the house debated the whole
 fo. 14 matter in the peticon containd And Resolved the same petⁿ be
 Endorsed that this house are of opinion that the publick ought
 not to be burthened with any fees in such cases Therefore
 rejected

Which said peticōn soe endorsed was againe returnd by M^r
 Walter Smith and M^r Jno Hall

They returne and Say they delivd the same

George Muschamp and Kenelm Cheseldyne Esq^{re} members
 of this house haveing sent M^r Speaker their Letter for Excuse
 in not attending this Assembly wch being read and Considered
 the house Allows of their Excuse.

M^r Thomas Beale A Member of this house by his Lre
 Shewed his inabillity of travelling to attend this Sessions was
 here read and Excused The Committee of Laws Enters the
 house and Delivers M^r Speaker a Bill for Assessing and Ap-
 porcōning the publick leavy

Read the first and Second time and doe pass The peticon
 of Danⁿ Sherwood of Talbott County and others thereby
 Complaining against the Clk of Indictments and other officers
 for Some Abuses relateing to officers fees was here read

And the consideracōn thereof is referr'd to the next Sessions
 of Assembly. And Resolved that this house will then take
 proper methods to Suppress the Irregularity of such Officers

fo. 15 M^r Beard againe by favour entred the house and produced
 his Warrts and Orders for delivery of the powder pursuant
 to an Order this day.

Whereupon its Ordered that M^r Samⁿ Young and M^r Jno
 Salter call before them the sd M^r Beard and Examine and
 regulate the said account p^rsuant to his Warr^{ts} and Orders
 and make reporte thereof to this house with all Convenient
 Speed.

The peticōn of M^r Rich^d Beard praying an allowance for
 the care and paines he took in delivering and preserving the
 publick powd^r and for removeing and Turning it for about
 fower years.

Resolved he be allowed for the same Eight pounds Ster^s
 Recomended to the Committee of Accounts

The Committee of Accounts enters the House and delivers
 M^r Speaker their Journall of Accounts

Which being read was endorsed

June 26th 1702

Read and Assented to by the house of Dellegates

W Taylard Clk