

relating to Richard Clark & his Accomplices; which being Lib. 41.
read the Consideration thereof is referred till Afternoon.

The Petition of Thomas Collier Naval Officer of the Port of Williamstadt being brought into the House was ordered to be read; which follows Viz.

To the Honourable the House of Delegates &^{ca}

The humble Petition of Thomas Collier Naval Officer of Williamstadt

Humbly Sheweth,

That whereas one William Edmondson late of Talbot County deceased in Sept. 1701 delivered to your Petitioner as Naval Officer of Williamstadt three Bills of Exchange drawn by the said Edmondson upon Peregrine Brown Merchant in London for £50 Sterling and was for the Duty of fifty Pipes of Wine imported from the Island of Fiall & at the Time of the drawing & Delivery of the said Bills the said Edmondson was esteemed to be a responsible Person and your Petitioner indorsed the said Bills to the Treaſer who sent them to England for Payment The first Bill was lost at Sea & two years after the second came in protested & then Edmondson was dead & so much in Debt that his Estate was not sufficient to pay half his Debts & the Executor had paid as far as Assets & beyond it before the Protest came & the Treaſer has sued your Pet' upon the Protest as Indorser of the said Bill & got Judgment against him. Therefore your Petitioner prays this Hon^{ble} House that they will take into their Consideration & relieve him in the Premises by releasing him from the said publick Debt, which if he be enforced to pay will be to his utter Ruin.

And your Petitioner will pray &^{ca}

Which being read was ordered to be indorsed as followeth

By the House of Delegates May the 18th 1705

Upon reading the within Petition the Matter therein contained was taken into Consideration & fully debated in the House. It's resolved Nemine contradicente that the Petitioner Thomas Collier be fully & absolutely released from the Debt & Damages of the Judgment recovered against him in the Petition set forth the said Collier making Satisfaction for the Costs of Suit only whereof Col^o Thomas Smithson the Treaſer is to take due Notice

Signed p Order
W Taylard Cl. Ho. Del.