

Wednesday April 3^d 1706

Lib. 41.

The House met according to Adjournment & were present as yesterday

The Letter excusatory of Col^o Thomas Smithson for his Absence read in the House & allowed of as also another Letter as Trea^r of the Eastern Shore was read as followeth.

Talbot County March 28th 1706

Gent.

I hereby give you Notice that I formerly received from M^r Bozman Naval Officer of Potomack District in Payment of his Account and Debt to the Public John Green's first second & third Bills for ten Pounds Eleven Shillings Eight Pence drawn on William Preston in Liverpool indorsed by John Bozman which Bills are all lost and taken as far as I know the Ships being taken by whom sent and I never received the money. I sent to M^r Bozman a Copy of the third Bill after first & second last desiring him to procure fourth fifth & sixth but it was not done the Drawer I presume being gone and no Effects. Now I humbly crave Advice and Order of the House whether I shall sue M^r Bozman by Reason of his Debt & Indorsement or that you will be content to lose it & discharge me for that sum of ten Pounds Eleven Shillings Eight Pence. p. 51

I give you further Notice that in like manner I received from M^r Thomas Collier Benjamin Lowes Bills first second & third Bills on John Younger in Whitehaven for five Pounds indorsed by M^r Collier &^{ca} I desire Advice & Order of the House about them all Circumstances being the same and to be discharged as of the other always provided that if the Bills can be recovered I will answer for them I had likewise four other sets of Bills lost which by good Providence my Friend lately got from France I had likewise Col^o Thomas Brooks first second & third Bills for forty two Pounds payable to Geo. Harris in Somerset County drawn on Isaac Millner in London all lost and taken I have now writ to him to make a fourth fifth & sixth payable as afs^d and I shall get them indorsed or to give new Bills to me I desire he may be called into your House and discoursed about it. It is my very great Grief that I am not able to attend even for the adjusting of these Matters. I have accounted for all sums in Payment whereof to myself. I took these Bills in 1704 when all the publick Stock was drawn out of my Hands to less than ten Pounds. I hope you will not put any Damage upon me who am your

Most Humble & diligent Servant

Tho^s Smithson