

Majestys Raigne being Transmitted hither as Yett, and therefore since the Peti^r is really reduced to great Poverty by becoming bound as in his Petition sett forth and seems to be within the Equitable Construction of such Law in favour of Liberty. Original Journal.

Resolved It be recomended to the house of Delegates to give Leave to bring in a Bill Impowering two Comission^{rs} to Call his Creditors together and Examine him upon Oath, & that on their Certificate that he has fairly discovered and delivered up his whole Estate, he may be discharged from the Imprisonment

The Councill Adjourned for an hour

Post Meridiem

The Council Sate Present as in the Morning Save Coll p. 50
Holland & M^r Sanders.

Maj^r Josiah Wilson high Sherriff of Ann Arundell County brought before his Ex^{ncy} and the Boarde John Spry and Thomas Brereton the first Pretended to be Skipper of the Sloope Margarets Industry late arrived from Elizabeth River in Virginia, and the other a Saylor shipped on board her.

The said Spry & Brereton being both of them Examined a part Sprye Discribed Richard Clarke who went by the name of Robert Garrett in Virginia and owned that he was Employed by him. Brereton declared he knew nothing of Richard Clarke but was Ship^t on board the said Sloope by one Cartwright at Norfolk Towne in Virginia

Neither of the Said Persons Offering to make an Ingenious Confession but trifling with his Ex^{ncy} and the Board were ordered to be Comitted to the Custody of the Sherr of Ann Arundell County untill his Ex and the Boarde had further Leisure to Examine them.

His Ex^{ncy} and this Boarde Collecting by John Sprys Examination that Richard Clarke Stayed at Little Wiccocomico in Virginia Expecting the Returne of the Sloope It was Debated whether it might not be adviseable to send to Virginia on that Occasion and whether by Land or Water & unto whom there. And resolved that a Messenger be sent by Land with Request p. 51 to the honble the President of her Majestys Councill there to Issue his Warr^t and take Effectuall Care to have Richard Clarke apprehended and delivered up to this Government for the Quiett and Ease thereof. And that a Letter be Prepared this night wherein his Ex^{ncy} will be pleased to Acquaint the President of Virginia that Col Nicholson when Governo^r there had formerly Issued a Proclamation for apprehending the said Richard Clarke And that it be Notified in the Letter that Clarke haunts Cartwrights at the Rose & Crowne in Norfolk