

L. H. J. Petition of Stephen Rich of Queen Ann's County Carpenter
 Lib. 41 praying Naturalization of himself and Children Read and
 Leave given to bring in a Bill as prayed and also of John
 Lamee of Dorchester County for the same

Josias Crouch Petition Read and referred to the Committee
 of Laws to examine the Petitioner's Pretensions & Allegations
 and report their Opinion therein to the House

p. 381 Bill for Naturalization of John Lamee, Stephen Rich and
 their Children Read the first Time and ordered a second
 Reading to Morrow Morning

Committee of Laws enters the House and delivers the
 following Report which being read and approved of by the
 House was ordered to be entered as follows in Answer to the
 Hoñble President's Speech Viz.

To the Hoñble Edward Lloyd Esq^r President of her Maj-
 esty's Hoñble Council in Maryland and Commander in Chief
 thereof

We acknowledge ourselves abundantly obliged to return
 you our hearty Thanks not only for your prudent Timing of
 this Session but for the generous Regard you have at all
 Times had for the Honour of her Majesty for the making easy
 the Annual Charge of the Province and for the general Wel-
 fare of the Inhabitants thereof: And as we have hitherto had
 sufficient Reason to applaud the Ingenuity of your Adminis-
 tration in making your Duty to her Majesty and Love to her
 Subjects so eminently appear that none can accuse you of
 Neglect in either we hope we shall not have less Reason so to
 do at the End of this Session than heretofore we have had
 We shall be very glad of the Opportunity of joining with you
 and her Majesty's Hoñble Council in the dispatching the
 Business of this Session and making it as short as the present
 Exigencies of the Province will allow But as the very Meeting
 of this General Assembly is a considerable Charge and the
 Sitting thereof the greatest which we are to tax we hope we
 shall do more before we part than barely tax that Charge our
 Meeting has created. Her Majesty's Instructions are so well
 remembered that we shall not propose the passing any Acts
 that are not immediately necessary for the Peace and Welfare
 of the Province and therefore we assure ourselves of the more
 ready Concurrence of your Honour and her Majesty's Hoñble
 Council here to those we shall propose that are By this Means
 we hope the Session may be made both short and serviceable

We shall pay a due Regard to her Majesty's Order relating
 to S^r Thomas Lawrence's Claims and shall examine the Jour-