

Bill for Relief of Josias Crouch Read the first and second Times by special Order and will pass

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The three Bills past this Day sent to the Council by Mr Talbot Mr Broome, Major Sprigg, and Mr Pearce who return and say they delivered the Bills

The Petition of John Rousby Esq Read and ordered to be entered as followeth

To the Honourable the House of Delegates

The Humble Petition of John Rousby Naval Officer of Patuxent District Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner as Naval Officer has received for the several Duties payable to the Country amongst other ready Money some Gold which he hath offered to the Honourable Samuel Young Esq. Publick Treasurer of Western Shore who altogether refuses to receive or take the same and your Petitioner conceiving himself much injured thereby he being obliged to receive ready Money humbly prays the Direction of this Honourable House therein and that the said Treasurer may be obliged to receive the same from your Petitioner and if your Honours shall think it more advantageous and for the Ease of the Country your Pet' for two per Cent more than what is now paid him will be obliged to bring the Money to Annapolis at such Time as he shall be commanded and there pay the same to such Person as he shall be directed by the Committee for apportioning the publick Levy and humbly prays the Consideration of this Honourable House in the Premises And as in Duty bound he will pray—

By the House of Delegates
second November 1713

We have read and considered the within Petition and conceive it's very reasonable the Treasurer should at present receive the Money in Gold from the Naval Officer as he has taken it all the Members of this House being willing to take it at the same Rate from him if now ordered them. And as to the latter Part of the Petition we think it very generously offered by the Petitioner to save the Country the Charge of three per Cent. And that the Treasurer is such an Officer as may be very well spared being of no other Service than to run the Country to Charge and impose upon them (of which we are not without President) and if all the Naval Officers give good security for Performance of their Duty we are very willing to discharge the Country of the Treasurers Salaries of five per Cent to which we desire the Concurrence of the Honourable