

he saw it in September last. All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House

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Signed pr Order.

Ralph Robinson Clk.

The Deposition of William Wyatt Fentham of Charles County being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposeth and saith that about two Weeks before Christmas in the year Seventeen hundred and Sixty Eight he this Deponent was Committed to the Goal of Charles County for Debt and that he remained there from that time for the space of Twenty eight, Twenty Nine or Thirty Days when he was released by a Bail Bond, that he was confined in a new House built by the Sheriff about Twelve Miles from the County Goal that John Doncastle and William Wright and several others were confined with him in the same Room That while they were there the Weather was very severe, that the Water came into their Room when it rained and that it there frequently became Ice not having for the whole time that he was with the Petitioners any Fire except one day when a Chafing Dish of Coals was brought to the Wickett and there Continued for about one half Hour to the best of his Memory That while he this Deponent remained there several of his Companions were very Ill occasioned as he apprehends from the Noxious Vapours from the Dampness in the Room and want of Fire, that Doncastle's Leggs were swelled much and that he said he was Frostbit and was affraid that he should lose a Limb This Deponent also further saith that he wrote frequent Letters to the Sheriff acquainting him with their Deplorable Situation but received no redress, that the Sheriff returned for Answer by the Servant Maid that he desired this Deponent to trouble him no more with any of his impertinent Letters for Fire they should not have.

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William Wyatt Fentham.

I do hereby Certify that on Tuesday the fifth of this Instant December I administered a William Wyatt Fentham an Oath to give true Evidence to the Committee of Grievances of his Knowledge of the Facts alledged in the Petitions of John Doncastle and William Wright to the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly.

Lanc<sup>t</sup> Jacques Ald<sup>r</sup>

Charles County ss<sup>t</sup> At a Court of the Right honourable Frederick absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore held at