

U. H. J. to make their Defence) we Desire to be Informed, who preferred it last Sessions, or whether there be any of your House Concerned in the Prosecution thereof, which if there be, Desire they may appear to Prosecute.

Signed p order John Beard Cl Up Ho.

Sent down to the Lower House by John Hall Esq^r Who Returns & Says he Delivered it.

p. 36 M^r John Brannock brings from the Lower House the following Message Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly

Aprill the 28th 1718.

May it Please yo^r Exc^y & Honours

M^r Brannock as a Representative for Dorchester County Exhibited the Petition last Sessions to this house, who has the Petition Signed by the Proper Hands of the Persons Subscribing, and therefore waits on your Exc^y & Honours t^o make good the Complaint.

Signed p order Mic. Jenifer Cl Lo. Ho.

M^r Tobias Pollard and M^r Peter Taylor bring from the Lower house the Petition of John Brannock on behalf of Thomas Brannock a minor seting forth that he is possessed of a Tract of Land Cont. four hundred Acres lying in Dorchester County, that his Father Edm^d Brannock poss^d the s^d Land Peaceably Twenty Years, That John Long entered into the s^d Land by Force & Arms & fell Timber & other Trees, That the s^d John Brannock on behalf of the s^d minor made Complaint to the Justices of Dorchester County according to the Form of the Statute, that the Jury thereon Impanelled found the s^d Long Guilty of Entring into the said Land and the Pet^r prayed Restitution Accordingly, but the Justices Refused the same & ordered the Pet^r to pay the Costs. Whereupon he Prays Relief.

Which was Endorsed by the Lo Ho viz.

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On reading the within Petition for that it seems the matters Complained of are against some of the Justices of Dorchester County Court for misfeazance in their Office the same is