Read at this Board the petition of George Walls of Charles County seting forth that he hath resided within the County afd for the space of thirty years in all which time he hath behaved himself Industriously frugally & honestly and hath Endeavoured by all Lawfull means to support himself & family & to pay & Satisfy all his Just debts, But such are his unhappy Circumstances that through the Providence of Almighty God by losses at Sea, by being brought in Debt for several Quantities of Tobo shipt by him in very bad times & by several other disappointments he is become indebted to several psons in Considerable sums of mony and Tobo for recovery whereof several of the Crs afd have psecuted him to finall Judgmt & Execution by force whereof he has been detained in the Custody of the Sherriffe of the sd County for near two years last past And still continues without the least hopes of Redemption whereby his family Consisting of a wife & severall small Children are reduced to great want & penury, Wherefore he humbly supplicates his Excellency & this house that leave be given him to bring in a Bill for his relief he being willing to surrender & Deliver up all his Estate of what nature soever to the Creditors afd And Submitt himself Intirely to such Orders & Rules for the Effecting thereof as to his Excy & this House shall seem Expedient.

Which was thus endorst Viz.

By the up Ho: of Assembly June 5. 1717 The within Petition is referred to the Lower house of Assembly.

Signed p order Inº Beard Cl Up ho.

p. 48 Read at this Board the Petition of Thomas Mackeel as foll.

To the honourable the Justices of the Provinciall Court now Sitting The humble Petition of Tho^s Mackeel

Humbly Sheweth That whereas I your Honours Pet^r was sumoned as a Juror to Attend this said Court about two years Past by the Sheriffe of our County And I your said Petitioner makeing the said Sheriffe sensible that I had served four Courts runing before as a Juror did begg of the said Sherriffe that I might be Exempted at that time and He promiseing that I shoud not be returned on the said Pannell but Multiplicity of business of the s^d Sherriffe which Caused me your Hon^{rs} Pet^r to be Returned And I trusting to the promise of the said Sherriffe which caus'd me not to give my Attendance at the same time And for my so doing I your said Pet^r am fined One