

for a hearing till Wednesday next and ordered that the Clerk L. H. J. of the Mayor's Court Lay before the House a List of fees.

The petition of William and Mary Parish in Charles County was Read and Referred till Monday next for hearing

The petition of John Brannock praying to be Relieved on a Survey for him made but [no] Certificate returned Read and referred till next Sessions and Ordered the parties Concerned appear before this House next Sessions and answer the Same if they think fitt and leave given to Subpoena Evidences.

The petition of Sarah Lloyd Executrix of the Testament of Edward Lloyd Esq^r Deceased Complaining of some foul practices in the Secretary's office was Read, and Ordered that the Clerks of the said office appear before the House Immediately.

M^r Edward Griffith according to the order above appears and being demanded how such an Endorsment came to be made as in the said petition is mentioned viz: Recorded in Lib^r P. L N^o 4 fol: 261 p Ed: Griffith Clerk, Whereas no such Record was made Answers that he never see the said Patent nor made any such Endorsement but that a certain M^r Moses ffodry who was and Still is employed by M^r Secretary Lloyd to Record the patents made the same. Ordered that the Serjeant of this House take into his Custody the said ffodry so that He have him here at one of the Clock in the afternoon or when the house shall think fitt to call for him to answer the same. p. 18

The House Adjournes till one a Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem

The House met according to adjournm^t

M^r Stoddert from the Committee of Laws Delivers M^r Speaker the Answer to His Excellency's Speech which was read and approved and Ordered to be Entred as follows, Viz:

The Humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly

May it Please Your Excellency:

Whatsoever the motives have been that Determind their Lordships to prorogue the Assembly to this time (which Doubtless were Weighty) we think it our Indispensible Duty to return to your Excellency our thankfull Acknowledgm^t of the Repeated Instances your Excellency has given us from the time of your first arrival of your great Care and Concern for the good Government and welfare of this Province So for giving us this Oppertunity in pursuance of their Lordships appointment for Concerting those Important affairs your