

L. H. J. Inconveniencies that often happen by the Quashalls of proceedings on forcible entries and Detainers,

Ordered that the Committee of Laws prepare One Accordingly.

The Petition of Tho: Paget of Prince Georges County desiring to be Relieved against some hardships he has suffered by the late Tobacco Law, was read and referred for further Consideration.

The Petition of Roger Murphey of Kent County praying an allowance for bringing to Justice one John Sidman a felon

Was read and Resolved that he be Allowed One Thousand^d pounds of Tobacco in the Publick.

The Petition of the Vestry and Church Wardens of Westminster Parish praying that part of the Parish on the South side of Potapscoe River whereof M^r Tibbs is Incumbent may be added to Westminster Parish aforesaid was read and Leave given to bring in a Bill as prayed unless the s^d M^r Tibbs appears this Sessions and makes his Objections thereto by Friday next.

Coll: John Ward and the rest of the Gent of the Committee Appointed to View the Prison &c. bring into the House the following report Viz:

A Committee Appointed by the Low^r House of Assembly to go and View the Publick Prison at Annapolis and make their report to the s^d House of Assembly in what Conditon
p. 16 the said Prison & Prisoners are.

The Gentlemen appointed are Coll: Jno Ward, M^r Dan^l Sherwood, M^r Edward Wright M^r Thomas Tolley.

Who make choice of Nicholas Hammond to be their Clerk and thereupon proceed in the Affair afs^d which is as follows viz.

Wee the s^d Committee find the Prison to be Very badd and all the Sides of the wood work very rotten and the stone worke Decayed and the upper Work very insufficient to Confine any person therein and the Prisoners in a Deplorable Condition occasioned for Want of Conveniencies in the s^d Prison all which is humbly referred to the House for their further Consideration therein

Signed p Order Nic. Hammond Clk. Committee
October the 12th 1722.

Which being read It is Resolved that a New Publick Prison be built wth proper Conveniencies for Prisoners (at the Publick Charge) except Prisoners Committed for Debt by the Co^{ty} Court of Ann Arundell.