

Saturday October the 10th 1724

L. H. J.

The House meets according to Adjournment
Yesterdays proceedings are read.

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The Petition of W^m Owens and Jacob Ratcliffe languishing Prisoners was read and as to Ratcliffe leave is given to bring in a bill for his imediate discharge being otherwise like to Die in a few days with a provisoe not to debarr him from suing for his remedy in fforma pauperis And as to William Owens it appearing that his Creditors have had notice Leave is given to bring in a Bill for his Relief.

The petition of Samuel Murray was read and rejected. The Petition of Rachel ffreeborne referr'd from last Sessions was read and leave given to bring in a Bill with the Exceptions mentioned by the Pet^r at the Barr.

It being propos'd that for the more effectually publishing the Resolves and the Address relating to the Constitution of Maryland, the same may be printed, Resolved that any person have the Liberty of printing them that will undertake the same

On reading the Report from the Com̄ittee for Courts of Justice the following Message is prepar'd viz:

By the Lower house of Assembly

October the 10th 1724.

May it please your Hon^{rs}

By a Report made to this House this Sessions from our Com̄ittee of Courts of Justice It seems the Clause of the Oath of a Judge used in England which on the Twenty fifth day of October 1722 was resolved by this House to be a necessary Clause in the Oath taken by the Judges in this province is not used in the oath taken by the Judges of the Provincial Court nor of some County Courts within this province Your Honours may please to observe from your Journall that the Resolves then made were Communicated to you from this House by a Message of the 31st of October that same sessions, and your Hon^{rs} on the third of November then next by your Message were pleas'd to Observe,

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That those Resolves being of the greatest Consequence to the Lord Prop^{ty} and this province And that Sessions being near a Conclusion you had not time for so mature a Consideration as the nature of them required and therefore referr'd the further Consideration of them untill the then next Sessions of Assembly.

How farr your Honours were pleas'd to Consider of them in the then next and now last Sessions is best known to your