

The Petition of Richard Greenway was read & Granted.

L. H. J.

The House Adjourns till to Morrow Morning Eight a Clock.

Tuesday July 20th 1731.

July 20

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Members were Called and all Present as Yesterday.

The proceedings of Yesterday were read.

The Engrossed bill Entituled an Act Impowering the Justices of Calvert County Court to Levy on the Taxable persons of that County any Sum of Tobacco not Exceeding ten thousand pounds of Tobacco to pay for the finishing the Court house of the said County.

Sent to the Upper House with the Paper Bill thereof by M^r Walter Smith and Maj^r Adderton Skinner, who return and say they Delivered the Same.

The Petition of Daniel Bateman this day read & Granted he giving Security for the payment of Twenty pounds Currant Money to be Destributed amongst his Creditors

Coll^o Joseph Belt from the Committee of Aggreivances & Courts of Justice Delivers M^r Speaker the following Report from the said Committee.

By the Committee of Aggreivances & Court of Justice July 19th 1731.

We your Committee having Enquired into the Commissions Lately Granted to the Justices of the Provincial and County Courts and upon Inspection thereunto had, We find the said Commissions Differ from the Commissions before Issued & which last Commissions are Different from the Others in these words Viz. The reasonable Good Laws & Statutes of that part of the Kingdom of Great Britain Called England and all Laws and Ordinances of this our Province made &c. The other Commissions before Granted being in these words Viz. According to the Directions of the Acts of Assembly of our said Province so far forth as they Provide and where they are Silent according to the reasonable Customs of England and the Laws and Statutes thereof as are or shall hereafter be Agreeable to the Usage or Constitution of the Same Province and your Committee further having Inspected into the Oath now taken by the Courts aforesaid do find the Oath Appointed by the Courts aforesaid to be taken (only Altering the Names of the said Courts) to be in Manner following Viz.

You A. B. do swear that as Justice of this his Lordships Provincial Court you will well and truely serve his Lordship and do Equal right to all his Majesty's Subjects to the best of your Cunning & skill & Cause all fines forfeitures and Amerciaments which shall happen to fall before you to be Entered without Concealment you will