

L. H. J. Your Committee Observe that the Prison it Self, from the Closeness and Inconveniency of the building, which Deprives the poor People who have the Misfortune of being Confined there, of the benefit of the Air & Exposes them to all the Inconvenience of the Violent hot weather in the Summer Season cannot fail of being fatal to the health of all and to the lives of Many which are Confined there for any Considerable time.

The want of a Place to walk and Exercise in, and to receive the Benefit of the fresh Air, the want of a well or Pump which would furnish the poor Prisoners with a Sufficient Quality of Cool Clean water not only to wash and keep themselves Clean but Slack their [thirst] are very great Additions to their Miseries, and the want of a Proper Receptacle for their Excrements Occasions a Constant Stench Especially in hot weather, Intollerable to the poor Creatures who are Confined near it, and indeed dangerous & Offensive to others; & should the number of Prisoners be Considerable and they be Afflicted with any Epidemical or Pestilential Distemper, your Committee Apprehend that the Excrements of persons so Afflicted lieing Exposed in the Manner Already Mentioned, may very Probably Occasion the spreading the Infection. This our own reason Suggest to us and we are Confirmed in the Justness of the Observation by the Opinion of Several Physicians whom we have Consulted on the Occasion, In a word your Committee look on the Gaol of Annapolis, in its present Condition, to be a place of Almost Constant and uninterrupted torment to such poor Unhappy Men as are Considered therein.

Your Committee therefore humbly Conceive that such Measures Ought to be taken as to make a restraint of Liberty (in it Self very Grievous) tollerable to poor Men, [who] have had or shall have the Misfortune to become Indebted more than they can pay, & as an Expedient for that End, your Committee propose that there be a better and more Commodious Gaol built in Annapolis, with so much Ground Sufficiently Inclosed about it, as may Suffice for the prisoners to walk & Exercise in, that there be a well or pump and a proper Receptacle for their ordure: And whether the like Provision ought not to be made in every County in the Province your Committee Submit to the Consideration of the House.

The Ground which the Gaol of Annapoils stands on is part of one of the Lotts belonging to the Church.

D. Dulany
Levin Gale
Joh Beale

And Delivered the same to M^r Speaker.

On reading the said Report It is Ordered that a Bill be brought in to Empower the Justices of the several Countys to Levy Tobacco on the Taxable persons in their Countys to be Appropriated towards