

L. H. J. An Ingrossed Bill empowering the Justices of Prince Georges County to levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of Queen Anne Parish in the said County the Sum of 100£ Current Money of Maryland for the Uses therein mentioned was Read and Assented to and sent to the Upper House with the Paper Bill by M^r Wootton and M^r Hall

An Ingrossed Bill entituled An Act empowering the three Commissioners therein named together with the Justices of Calvert County Court to Repair the Court House of that County by an Assessment on the Inhabitants thereof was Read and Assented to & sent to the Upper House with the Paper Bill by M^r Smith and M^r Brome

William Stoughton Esq^r from the Committee of Laws delivers M^r Speaker A Bill entituled A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled An Act for the relief of debtors and ascertaining the manner of Tenders in Tobacco, and to the Supplementary Act thereto

Which Bill was read the first time and Ordered to lie on the Table

M^r Magruder from the Committee of Aggrievances &c^a delivers M^r Speaker the following Report.

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice June 12. 1741

Whereas Complaint has been made to Your Committee that Persons Travelling the Kings High Ways of this Province are stopt and hindered in their Journeys and prosecuting their Lawful Affairs tho' of never so great Importance Publick or Private by means of the Restraint laid on the several Ferries on such Highways by his Lordships Agents and Ministers who by vexing and terryfying People with vexatious Law Suits and Heavy Fines who should (as usual it had been) transport or carry over such Ferries in the Highways aforesaid his Majestys Subjects unless they should have first Compounded with his Lordships Agents or Ministers for an exhorbitant and Yearly Sum to be Paid out of their Labour by Way

p. 279 of a Fine for a License for so doing by means whereof Persons commodiously Scituate on the Banks of Bays Rivers and Inletts on such Highways and whose Property the Shore stands and Landings Contiguous to such High Ways are intimidated and prevented from Necessary Boats and convenient Vessels from transporting and carrying over such Bays Rivers Creeks and Inletts his Majestys Subjects to the great delay and hindrance of Business Publick and Private and manifest Prejudice of his Majestys Liege and dutiful Subjects

That his said Lordships Agents and Ministers take upon themselves to Rate what shall be paid by his Majestys Subjects for passing over such Publick Ferries being the Kings Highways and of late have doubled such Rates which the People are necessitated to Pay or otherwise their Affair to be entirely obstructed: and have likewise increased the Fines for such Ferry Licenses