

D^r Carroll from the Committee of Laws delivers M^r Speaker a Bill entituled, An Act for the easier and better securing the Estates of Debtors absconding, and of Persons Bankrupt, for the Use of their Creditors, and equal Distribution of the same; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table. L. H. J.
Liber No. 46

The House adjourns 'til To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Friday Morning, March 28. 1746.

March 28

The House met according to Adjournment, and the Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Resolved, That this House will not proceed to any new Business after Monday next.

The House adjourns 'til 2 of the Clock

Post Meridiem

The House met according to Adjournment

The Petition of the Rector, Vestrymen, and Church Wardens, of St. Anne's Parish in Anne Arundel County read and granted.

M^r Smith delivers M^r Speaker the following Report viz.

By the Committee appointed to inquire into the State of the publick and County Goal in the City of Annapolis upon the Petition of William Thornton, Sheriff of Anne Arundel County.

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Your Committee having viewed and inspected the State of the publick Goal, do find the Front and back Doors thereof are single, and not well secured, and the Frames rotten, which occasions a Breach in the Walls. We also find the Floors want repairing; and that the Safety of the Prison, which we conceive ought to consist of a strong Cieling, appears to us to have been insufficient at the first Building, and so impaired since, that renders it now of no Service for the Security thereof. We likewise find that the Partition Walls not being carried up to each Floor, hath made it easy for the Prisoners to pass from one Room to another. That the Ioists are weakened, by great Part of them being cut away by the Prisoners for Fire wood, as your Committee are inform'd.

That the Sink from the Prison is stopped, and the Condemn'd Hold has now Water in it, and no Passage to carry it off; and there being no Shutters to the Windows the Prisoners, we conceive, have not only an Opportunity of being furnished with Tools for the making their escape, but likewise has occasioned the Damage that is done to the Goal. p. 569