

## Post Meridiem

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 46

The House met according to Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Prince Georges County, relating to the Division of the said County &c. be heard at the Bar of this House on Tuesday next

Col. Hooper from the Committee of Aggrievances delivers to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Report, viz.

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, June 5. 1747

In pursuance of the Order of Reference, of your Honourable House, in Relation to the petition of the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Chase, Rector of S<sup>t</sup> Paul's parish, in Baltimore County, your Committee have procured a view of the Bond, passed by the said Chase, to M<sup>rs</sup> Jeanette Bourdillion for Twenty six Thousand pounds of Tobacco, upon which a Judgment hath been rendered in the County and provincial Courts, and Execution thereupon Issued, and for which your Committee are informed the said Chase is now Confined in prison, and has been for some time past, according to the Tenor of the said petition; a Copy of which Bond is hereunto annexed (marked N<sup>o</sup> 1). Thomas Bladen Esq<sup>r</sup> late Governor of this Province, was pleased to send to your Committee, the Deposition made by him hereunto Annexed (marked N<sup>o</sup> 2) to which, and the Depositions of Edmund Jenings Esq<sup>r</sup> his Lordships Secretary of State and John Raitt, subscribing Evidences to the said Bond, hereunto annexed (marked 3 and 4) your Committee pray leave to refer. It appears to your Committee by the said Depositions, that the said Bond was taken before the Induction of the said Chase, into the said St. Paul's parish; and that the said Bond was a Consideration for such Induction, and the taking thereof justified by the said Thomas Bladen Esq<sup>r</sup> and his Lordship's Secretary, who was of Council (as he declares) with him on the occasion. Your Committee humbly presume to represent to your Honourable House, That by an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled An Act for the establishment of Religious Worship in this province, according to the Church of England; and for the maintenance of Ministers, provision is made for faithful and Able Ministers, labouring in the work of the Gospel, to come and Reside in this Province, by a Tax on the People, and Inhabitants thereof, and payable to the Minister of each respective parish, presented, Inducted, or appointed by the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being; That the people of this province, His Majesty's Leige Subjects, are the ffounders and Endowers of all the Churches within the same; and that the aforesaid implied power of presentation and Induction, is at most but a Trust.

That the Sale of such presentations or Inductions, is a Discouragement to learned and faithful able Clergyman, to come into, or