

Ordered, That Mr. Wootton and Capt. Owen do go to the Upper House with Mr. John Smith Prather, a Delegate for Frederick County, to see him qualified: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual manner. The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 46
June 9

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr Speaker a Petition of the Vestry, Churchwardens, and Parishioners of King and Queen Parish, in St. Mary's County; a Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of Baltimore County; and a Petition of several of the Inhabitants of Frederick County; severally Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly." Which were ordered to lie on the Table.

On reading the Petition of William Smallwood, Prisoner in Charles County Goal, the Sheriff of Charles County was ordered to attend at the Bar of this House; and being heard in his Defence, was ordered to withdraw.

The House being of Opinion, that the Sheriff of Charles County ought to provide separate Rooms, wherein to keep the Prisoners for Debt committed to his Custody, apart from Felons;

Mr. Speaker is desired to acquaint him therewith: The Sheriff was called to the Bar of the House, and Mr. Speaker acquainted him with the Sense of the House; and that he was discharged from any further Attendance, on paying the several Fees due to the Clerk of the House and the Serjeant at Arms.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of St. Mary's County, in Behalf of themselves and others, Freeholders, Freemen, and Voters in the said County, according to an Order of the House, being to be heard this Day:

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Matters contained in the said Petition.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Col. Hooper, from the Committee of the whole House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report:

By a Committee of the whole House, June 9, 1749.

Resolved, That this Committee do return to the House, and that Mr. Chairman report, that the Committee had proceeded to take