

Parties and Divisions, and hindering an Union of Interests and Councils, the only sure Preservative of the common Good; and must be of the greatest ill Consequence, by encouraging the labouring Part of his Lordship's Tenants to idle away that Time at such Entertainments, and waste and exhaust that Spirit and Vigour with such strong and spirituous Liquors, which ought to be spent for the Benefit of themselves and their Families in particular, and employed for the Advantage of Society in general: But the Ways and Means for preventing these impending Dangers, and for eradicating these spreading Evils, which if suffered any longer to grow and spread, may in Time have a great Tendency to destroy the Freedom and Independance of the most valuable Branch of our Constitution, is humbly submitted to the mature Consideration and wise Determination of your Honourable House.

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 46  
June 17

Signed per Order, Tho. Harwood, junior, Cl. Com.

On reading the said Report, the House concurs therewith.

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George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of Mordecai Booth, of the Colony of Virginia, Merchant, on Behalf of himself and his Partner William Westwood, praying a Drawback of the Duties paid, or secured to be paid, on forty Negroes, imported into this Province; which were afterwards exported within the Time limited by Act of Assembly: Indorsed, "Referred by the Upper House to the Consideration of the Lower House."

On motion that a Bill be brought in, to prevent the Inhabitants of Virginia and Pennsylvania from hunting in the Back Woods; Leave is given. Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. Robert Lloyd, from the Committee appointed to make Extracts from the Land-Office, &c. delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report; viz.

By the Committee appointed to make Extracts out of the Land-Office, from the Lord Proprietary's Grants.

Your Committee having examined sundry Grants made at different Periods, from the Year 1636 to the Year 1746, do find the Rent reserved to the Proprietary to be expressed in the following Manner:

1st, In a Grant to John Lewger, dated the 5th of December, 1636, for 300 Acres, 'tis thus expressed: He yielding and paying six Shillings in Money Sterling, or the Commodities of the Country, at the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord.

2dly, In a Grant made the 10th of November, 1654, to Robert Cole, for 100 Acres, 'tis said; Under the usual Rent of two Shillings Sterling for the said 100 Acres.