

L. H. J. The petition of King and Queen parish in St. Mary's County,  
 Liber No. 46 was here read and granted. On Motion to bring in a Bill, to apply  
 May 23 part of the fines and Forfeitures to provide Arms and Ammunition  
 for Defence of this Province; Leave is given: Ordered, That the  
 Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill Accordingly. The  
 Petition of the Present Commissioners of Charles Town was read  
 and granted. The House adjourns until To-morrow Morning 9 of  
 the Clock

May 24 Tuesday Morning May 24. 1748.

The House met according to adjournment. Messieurs John and Richard Gresham, and Capt. Tilghman, appeared. Ordered. That the Petition of the sundry Inhabitants of St Mary Anne Parish, and others in Cecil County be heard at the Bar of this House by Council on Thursday next The Bill entituled, An Act empowering the Justices of Kent County &c was read the second time and will pass, and was sent to the upper House by M<sup>r</sup> Harris and M<sup>r</sup> Mills. M<sup>r</sup> Hammond from the Committee of Laws, delivers to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following report Viz.

By the Committee of Laws, May 24<sup>th</sup> 1748

In Pursuance of an order of the Hoñble House, dated May 12<sup>th</sup> 1748 appointing this a Committee of Ways and Means, in relation to obtaining Liberty for Importation of Salt into this Province, from any parts of Europe in Amity with his Majesty, his Heirs, and Successors; Your Committee humbly represent, That the Charter from King Charles the First to Cecilius Calvert, Baron of Baltimore in 1634, there is a saving Clause in the following words:  
 p. 766 Saving always unto us our Heirs and successors, and to all the subjects of our Kingdom of England and Ireland, of us our Heirs and successors, free Liberty of Fishing for Sea Fish, as well in the Sea, Bays, Inlets and navigable rivers, as in the Harbours, Bays and Creeks of the province aforesaid, and the privileges of salting and Drying their Fish on the shore of the said Province, and for the same Cause, to cut and take under wood or twigs there growing, and to build Cottages and sheads necessary in this behalf as they heretofore have or might reasonably have used, which Libertys and Privileges nevertheless the Subjects aforesaid of us, our Heirs and successors shall enjoy without any notable Damage or Injury to be done to the said now Lord Baltimore his Heirs or assigns, or to the Dwellers and Inhabitants of the said Province, in the Ports, Creeks and Shores aforesaid; and Especially in the woods and Copses growing within the said Province and if any shall do any such Damage or Injury, he shall incur the heavy Displeasure of us our Heirs and successors, Punishment of the Laws; and shall moreover make satisfaction. Y<sup>r</sup> Committee humbly observe That by the foregoing