

L. H. J. The Humble petition of sundry the Inhabitants Freeholders and
 Liber No. 52 Free Voters in the Corporation of the City of Annapolis
 Nov. 2 Sheweth

That a Writ of Election lately Issued in the usual Form directed to the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the said City requiring and empowering them to proceed in the Choice of Delegates in the Room of M^r Walter Dulany who had disqualified himself by accepting a place under the Government since the last General Election that on the fifth Day of October last past the Day appointed for the said Election there were present the said Walter Dulany as Mayor of the Corporation aforesaid together with five of the Aldermen of the said City and the said Walter Dulany and John Hall were then proposed as Candidates the Honourable Daniel Dulany Esq.^r Recorder being absent

And your petitioners further shew that the said Walter Dulany sat and Acted as Mayor during the whole Time of the said Election and did not withdraw himself from the Bench on any Controversy about the Qualification of the Electors but objected in his Seat to the Qualifications of such as Offered to vote against him and continued in his Seat as Mayor at all Times during such Controversies And your petitioners apprehending that the said Conduct of the Mayor aforesaid to be unconstitutional and Illegal did object thereto but being overruled by the Court caused the same to be entered upon the poll And although the said Walter Dulany had the Majority of Votes yet your petitioners apprehend the said Election and the Return thereof to be void in itself and tending to destroy the Freedom necessary to be observed at all Elections Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honours would take the premises into Consideration and do therein what to Justice doth belong

And as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Was read the first and second Time

p. 266 Ordered That the said Petition be heard at the Bar of this House on Fryday the 8.th Instant and that the parties concerned have Summons's on Application to the Clerk of this House and that the petitioners have Leave to appear by Council

Ordered That the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis do attend this House on the 8.th Instant and bring with them the Original Poll taken at the last Election and that M^r Hodgkin the Clerk of the Mayors Court do likewise attend and bring with him the Minutes of the Court proceedings taken at the last Election taken at the said City

On Motion the House appointed M^r Dulany M^r Worthington M^r Bealle M^r Hanson M^r Grahame Col.^o Lloyd and M^r Wilson a Committee to inspect the Accounts and proceedings of the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly