

of Helmes, arises from an Information that he has been guilty of great Fraud in obtaining a Sum of Money from M.^r Nicholas Maccubbin; and we think, that when a Prisoner's Character is not clear, he is not entitled to our Favour. We have great Reason also, to suspect that John Doncastle hath acted with a great Degree of Unfairness, if not of Fraud, towards one of his Creditors, the Circumstances whereof having been communicated to this House in the Petition of Doctor David Ross. For those Reasons, we think that the other Prisoners, whose Conduct hath not been objected to, ought to be distinguished from Helmes and Doncastle, in our Consideration.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
Dec. 4

Signed by Order U. Scott, Cl. Up. Ho.

On reading the Alterations proposed by the Upper House to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Relief of several languishing Prisoners &^{ta} the House agrees therewith. The Alterations were made, and the Bill was indorsed: Read, and with the proposed Alterations, passed for ingrossing

The Committee appointed December 20, 1765, to correspond with Charles Garth, Esq in Recess of Assembly, and to bring in now an Answer to M.^r Garth's Letters to the Speaker, to be sent him now by the House, in the Name of the Speaker, were continued, with the Addition of J. Hall, Esq

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met

M.^r Hall of Baltimore hath Leave of Absence.

M.^r Edmondson brings in, and delivers to M.^r Speaker, the following Report, Viz.^t

By the Committee of Elections and Privileges, Dec.^r 4, 1766.

Your Committee having inspected the Writs directed to the Sheriffs of Saint Mary's and Dorchester Counties; and also the Writ directed to the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, for electing Deputies and Delegates to serve in this General Assembly, and the Returns thereto annexed; do find, That M.^r John Hall, a Delegate for the City of Annapolis, is duly returned. That Col. John Henry is returned a Delegate for Dorchester County; but, that the Writ, to which the Indenture is annexed, has no Indorsement thereon. And also, That M.^r Thomas Key, is returned a Delegate for Saint Mary's County; but, that the Writ, to which the Indenture is annexed, has no Indorsement thereon.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed per Order, Henry Wilkins, Cl.