

Col.^o Hooper from the Upper House delivers to M.^r Speaker a Petition of John Deal a languishing Prisoner in Prince Georges County Goal. Indorsed by the Upper House Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
May 19

Which Petition was read here the first and Second time and Granted

The Bill Entituled an Act for Tryal of all matters of fact in the several Countys where they have arisen or shall arise was Read the first time and Ordered to lye on the Table

On reading a Second time the Petition of Thomas Schley and John Jeremiah Myer

Ordered that Tho.^s Johnson S. Wilson Esq.^{rs} and Col.^o Cresap be a Committee to enquire into the Allegations and facts contained in the said Petition and Report the same to the House

M.^r Harris brings in and delivers to M.^r Speaker a Bill Entituled an Act for the Relief of certain Languishing Prisoners in the several Goals therein mentioned, Which was read the first time And Ordered to lye on the Table

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On Motion the Question was put Whether the fees arising due on Prosecution of Slaves in the County Courts be Paid by the Publick, Or by the Particular Countys where the facts are Committed

Resolved that the fees be paid by the Particular Countys

On Motion of M.^r Grahame leave given to bring in a Bill to direct the manner of paying fees arising on the Prosecution of Slaves in the County Courts

Ordered that M.^r Grahame M.^r J. Goldsborough T. Johnson and J. Hall Esq.^{rs} do Prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly

The House Adjourns till the morrow morning at 9 of the Clock

Tuesday 20.th May 1766

May 20

The House met.

All Present as Yesterday Except M.^r Sullivane

Col.^o Tilghman M.^r Wright Col.^o Henry and M.^r ffilder Gantt Appeared in the House

M.^r Buchannan hath leave of Absence

A Letter from James Otis Esq.^r of the Massachusetts Bay directed to William Murdock Edward Tilghman and J. Ringgold Esq.^{rs} (Requesting them to make a Representation in a Just and favourable manner to have an Allowance made to the Clerk of the late Congress at New York by this Province) being Communicated to this House And the said Letter being Read the first and Second time Resolved that this House will not make any further Allowance