

report as follows: That William Cumming the elder died in Possession of divers Lots of Ground, with a Dwelling house, and Out-houses thereon, lying in the new Town of the City of Annapolis, containing about two Acres, inclosed with a post and Rail Fence, and a large Garden thereon as alleged in said Petition. That the said William Cumming was much indebted at the Time of his Death, by Judgment, Mortgage, and otherwise, and in his Life-time had conveyed the said Lots, amongst other Things, to his Son William Cumming, jun.^r in Trust, for the Benefit of his Creditors. That the Widow and Relict of the said William Cumming the elder lived on said Lots for some Time after his Death, and then removed into the Country, leaving the said Houses in the Occupation of Simon Duff. That about the Time in said Petition mentioned, a Part of his Majesty's Tories were quartered, in said Houses, which had got somewhat out of Repair before their Entry, and continued there some considerable Time, and at their Departure left the Premises in a ruinous and shattered Condition, as alleged in said Petition. That the said Lots and Houses have been since taken in Execution, appraised and sold, to satisfy the Judgments, or some of them, obtained against the said William Cumming the elder in his Life-time. That the Petitioner, Alexander Cumming, is eldest Son and Heir at Law of the said William Cumming: and also in the Year 1769 hath obtained a Deed of Bargain and Sale and Release from William Cumming the younger for all the Lands contained in said Deed of Trust, and amongst others the Lots and Houses above mentioned. All which is submitted to the Consideration of the honourable House.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Nov. 10

Signed per Order John Johnson Cl. Com.

The Petition of Alexander Cumming was read a second Time and rejected; it appearing by the above Report, that there were Creditors of the said Petitioner's ffather, who do not appear to this House to have been satisfied for their Debts.

M.^r Allen brings in and delivers to M.^r Speaker the following Report. p. 155

By the Committee appointed to enquire into the Truth of the ffacts contained in the Petition of Thomas Lightfoot, William Lightfoot, Abraham Mitchell, Walter Franklin, and Samuel Franklin.

In Obedience to the Order of the honourable House, your Committee have enquired into the ffacts contained in said Petition, and do find that, on or about the Time therein mentioned, Thomas Collier, late of Worcester County, for a valuable Consideration to him paid, bargained, sold and conveyed the said several Tracts of Land to the Petitioners and their Heirs, to hold to them, their Heirs and Assigns, in common. That the said Deed or Conveyance was acknowledged before two Magistrates of Worcester County. That the Possession of the Lands aforesaid passed to the Bargainees, in Pursuance of