

L. H. J. dorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 19,th 1770
 Liber No. 54 Read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and will
 Nov. 19 not pass

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

M.^r Beall brings in, and delivers to M.^r Speaker, the following Report

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, November 19:th 1770

Your Committee beg Leave to report, that it appears to them, from the Copies of the Records of Queen Anne's County Court, hereto annexed, that Doctor Joseph Haslett in November Term 1769, did agree to receive the Poor of that County under his Care, and provide for them sufficient Meat, Drink, Cloaths, Washing, Bedding, Houseroom, Medicines, Attendance, and every other Necessary of Life, for one Year from thence, for the Quantity of One hundred and thirty thousand Pounds of Tobacco; and also to receive all such Persons, under his Care, and the like Provision, as the Justices of that County should, within the Year aforesaid, from Time to Time, order and send him, as proper Objects to be taken Care of by the County; and that all such Allowances, as should be made to Pensioners themselves, not put under his Care, should and might be deducted from the said Quantity of One hundred and thirty thousand Pounds of Tobacco. Whereupon the Justices of the said County did agree to levy, for the said Joseph Haslett, fifty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, and the Residue that should be due to him, to be levied when the said Justices should be fully satisfied, that he had performed and complied with his Agreement aforesaid; and the said Justices did appoint Mess.^{rs} Christopher Cross Ruth, Turbutt Wright, Richard Mason and Joshua Clarke, Gentlemen, four of their Brethren, from Time to Time, to examine and see, that the Pensioners aforesaid were supplied with the Necessaries aforesaid, agreeable to the Intent of that Agreement; and that the Justices aforesaid, in Pursuance of the said Agreement, did assess and levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, the said fifty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, and have ordered the same to be paid by the Sheriff to the Administratrix of the said Joseph Haslett. Which Agreement, so made and entered into by the Justices of Queen Anne's County Court as aforesaid, your Committee are of Opinion, is a new and unwarranted Method, of providing for the Poor, who cannot, as your Committee conceive, by any other Authority than that of the Legislature, be drawn and collected, especially without their own Consent, to one Place or common Receptacle, and the said levying and assessing the said fifty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, in Pursuance of the said Agreement, your Committee are of Opinion was illegal. All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your honourable House.

Signed by Order Tho. B. Hodgkin, Cl.