

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Oct. 17

on immediate Payment (in Case Payment shall be made in Money) any larger Fee than after the Rate of twelve Shillings and Six Pence Common Current Money for One hundred Pounds of Tobacco under the Pain of my Displeasure. And to the Intent that all Persons concerned may have due Notice thereof I do strictly charge and require the Sheriff of the City of Annapolis to make this my Proclamation publick in the said City as he will answer the contrary at his Peril Given at the City of Annapolis this 26.th Day of November in the twentieth Year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1770

Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Con.

Rob.^t Eden [The Great Seal]

M.^r Gresham appeared in the House

Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer Esq.^r from the Upper House delivers to M.^r Speaker a Petition of Frances Colvill, George Washington, and John West, jun.^r Executors of Thomas Colvill, late of Fairfax County, in Virginia, and John Semple, Merchant; setting forth, that a certain John Colvill, late of Fairfax County, aforesaid, being possessed of a Tract of Land in Frederick County in the Province of Maryland called Merryland did by his last Will and Testament empower his Brother, Thomas Colvill one of his Executors, to sell the said Land to pay his Debts. That the said Thomas Colvill did sell the said Land unto John Semple one of the Petitioners, on the 8.th Day of May 1765 for £2,500 Sterling, and took the said Semple's Bond for the Payment thereof. That John Colvill died considerably in Debt to sundry Persons, and among others owed his Brother Thomas Colvill upwards of £800 Sterling. That the said Thomas at his Death was indebted several Sums of Money and bequeathed sundry Legacies which cannot be paid unless the Executors can receive the Debt due from John Colvill's Estate: And therefore praying the House that a Law may pass enabling the Executors of Thomas Colvill or the Survivors of them to make sufficient Deeds to the said John Semple or his Assigns for the said Lands on his or their paying such Sum as shall appear to be due on the said Bond; or in Case the Money should not be paid within a short Space of Time that Thomas Colvill's Executors may be by Law enabled to sell the said Lands to the highest Bidder so as the Wills of John and Thomas Colvill may be complied with.

Ordered, That William Steuart Clerk of the Land Office immediately attend at the Bar, and produce to this House the Regulation lately given in Charge to the Registers of the said Office respecting the Fees thereof as mentioned in the Proclamation of the 26.th November 1770

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do forthwith deliver to the Serjeant at Arms attending this House a Copy of the above Order.

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