

L. H. J.      The further Consideration whereof is referred till To-Morrow  
Liber No. 54      The House adjourns till To-Morrow Morning 9 O'Clock  
Oct. 17

Oct. 18

Friday October 18.<sup>th</sup> 1771

The House met.

All Members present as on Yesterday.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read

On Motion, Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Supplementary Bill to the Act entitled An Act to enable the Justices of Dorchester County Court to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County a Quantity of Tobacco for the Purpose of Building a Court House, and that M.<sup>r</sup> Ennalls, M.<sup>r</sup> Joseph Richardson, M.<sup>r</sup> Chase and M.<sup>r</sup> Johnson do prepare and bring in the same.

Benedict Calvert Esq.<sup>r</sup> from the Upper House delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Petition of sundry Subscribers living in and convenient to the Town of Bladensburgh in Prince George's County setting forth That the Navigation of the Eastern Branch of Potowmack River being obstructed by several Bars which are daily encreasing many People have subscribed Sums of Money to a considerable Amount to be paid to certain Persons in the Petition named to be by them applied towards clearing the said Navigation and praying that an Act may pass empowering the said Persons, as Trustees, to receive further Subscriptions, to obtain Payment of all Sums of Money which have been or shall be subscribed for the said Purpose according to the Terms of such Subscription and to contract with fit Persons for effecting the Purpose aforesaid by making the Channel deeper, straighter, or wider, as shall be thought most easy and most effectual for preventing Obstructions from gathering hereafter. That in the said Act it may be declared lawful to destroy, and that a fit Penalty may be annexed to the making any Hedges or Wares on the Waters aforesaid in Time to come, and that a severe Penalty may, by the said Act attend the cleaning of Fish and leaving any Part of them within the said Town, or within half a Mile thereof. And a Petition of Frank Leeke and George Digges of Prince George's County, praying An Act may pass to empower them to sell a Lot of Ground in Upper Marlborough which Charles Digges late of that County deceased purchased from a certain John Weldon, for the Payment of the Debts of the said Charles Digges

The Bill for amending the Staple of Tobacco &<sup>ta</sup> was read with the Amendments for which it had been committed, passed, and sent to the Upper House by M.<sup>r</sup> Hall and Eleven more.

M.<sup>r</sup> Chamberlaine, M.<sup>r</sup> Ennalls, and M.<sup>r</sup> W. Richardson have Leave of Absence