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L. H. J. Road run through the Land of the said Levin Lawrence. Which two hundred Yards the Petitioner hath always kept in Repair and still is willing to continue so to do provided the House will impower him to keep the said Road open. And a Petition of the Trustees of the Poor in Frederick County setting forth that by the Power invested them by the Act of Assembly for the Relief of the Poor in the several Counties therein mentioned they did purchase Ground whereon were erected sundry Buildings which they apprehended would have answered the Purposes intended by the said Act That after the said Purchase having Conveniencies for the Reception of the Poor they were in doubt whether the Law entitled the Trustees to admit them until three Years expired and applied to the then Members for the said County for an Act that the Poor might be received immediately. That in Consequence of such Application a Supplementary Law passed last Sessions and the Poor and sundry Vagrants were received; but the Sessions breaking up late the Law could not by the Trustees be procured; by which Means nothing was levied for the Support of the Poor. That since the House has been opened and the Poor received the Buildings are found inadequate to the conveniencies necessary for the Poor of each Sex. That they thought it expedient to erect a large Building with suitable Conveniencies which they contracted for under the Sanction of the first Law, that lessening the Taxation of the Supplementary Law and not having a Copy of the Bill to support the Magistrates levying the Tax they are likely to suffer, and therefore praying the House that an Act may pass to levy on the Inhabitants the Proceeding Year a double Tax to enable them to comply with their Contract to the Workmen were severally read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table

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The Petition of the Vestry and Church Wardens of Saint Luke's Parish in Queen Anne's County was read a second Time and referred for Consideration on Thursday next

Ordered, That M.r Hall, M.r S. Wright, M.r Tyler, M.r Dennis and M. Handy be added to the Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of Robert Horner, and the counter Petition thereto; and that M. Johnson and M. Grahame be discharged therefrom

The House adjourns till To-Morrow Morning 9 O'Clock

Oct. 30

Wednesday October 30.th 1771

The House met.

All Members present as on Yesterday.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

M. Hammond, M. Parran, M. Gresham, M. Chamberlaine, M. Contee and M. Ennalls appeared in the House.