M. Allen brings in and delivers to M. Speaker the following L. H. J. Report

Liber No. 54 Nov. 5

By the Committee appointed to enquire in the Facts set forth in the Petition of Charles Dickenson, Robert Goldsborough, Robert Harrison and John Goldsborough.

Your Committee in Obedience to the Order of this Honourable House have enquired into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and do find that the said Petitioners with M. William Ennalls were appointed Commissioners by an Act of Assembly passed in September 1770 to contract and agree with Workmen to build a new Court House in the Town of Cambridge in Dorchester County; That they have so far proceeded in the Execution of the said Trust as to engage Workmen to finish and compleat the said Building. That the Ground on which the present Court House stands is too small to erect the new Court House so as to make it a commodious and convenient Building. That the said Ground wants an Addition of thirty Feet in Front, and forty five Feet backwards. That the Lot adjoining to the said Ground upon which the present Court House stands is the Property of Henry Ennalls Son and Heir of Henry Ennalls late of the said County deceased who is now a Minor under the Age of Twenty One Years; and that Part of the said Lot may be conveniently applied to make up the Deficiency of the present Court House Ground. That the Guardian and the nearest ffriends and Relations of the said Infant have signified their Assent and Approbation that Part of the said Infant's Lot may be applied for that Purpose for a reasonable Compensation. That the Sum of fifty Pounds has been mentioned as a reasonable Satisfaction, which the said Guardian, Friends and Relations approve of and agree to.

Your Committee beg Leave to observe that by the Act of Assembly aforesaid there was no Power given to the Commissioners to pull down the old Court House nor any Power given to the Clerk or Justices of the Court to remove the Records. All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of this Honble House

Signed by Order James Brooks Cl. Commee

Which was read.

The Petition of Charles Dickenson and others was read; and Leave given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition

Ordered, That M. Ennalls, M. J. Richardson, M. W. Richardson, M.r Johnson, M.r Chase, and M.r Paca do prepare and bring in the same.

M.r Harrison brings in and delivers to M.r Speaker the following Report

By the Committee appointed to examine into the Truth of the several Facts and Allegations contained in the Petition of Robert