

Wednesday November 20.th 1771

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Nov. 20

The House met.

All Members present as on Yesterday except M.^r Ennalls.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read

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

By the Committee appointed to enquire into the Expenditure of the Money granted for building a Court House and Prison in the Town of Baltimore in Baltimore County.

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Your Committee beg Leave to report to your Honourable House that it appears to your Committee that the Sum of One thousand nine Hundred and sixty three Pounds nineteen Shillings and ten Pence hath been received by the Commissioners appointed by the Act of Assembly for building the said Court House and Prison on Account of the Tax imposed on the Inhabitants of that County, and that the further Sum of seven hundred and fifty Pounds seventeen Shillings hath been received by them for Subscriptions amounting together to two thousand seven hundred and fourteen Pounds sixteen Shillings and ten Pence. That One hundred and thirteen pounds twelve Shillings and six Pence is still outstanding due from the Subscribers who are thought solvent and forty eight Pounds two Shillings and six Pence from Subscribers who are thought to be insolvent. That the Sum of two thousand seven hundred and seventy six Pounds seventeen Shillings and Nine Pence hath been expended by the said Commissioners and actually paid by them in and about the Purposes aforesaid which is evidenced by a proved Account of the said Commissioners laid before your Committee and that there are still some Accounts not yet paid or brought in with which they stand chargeable. So that it appears to your Committee that the said Commissioners have actually paid and advanced sixty two Pounds and Eleven Pence more than they have actually received. Your Committee further beg Leave to make known to your Honble House that after the Prison was finished and the Night before it was to have been delivered to the Sheriff the same was burnt down and hath been since rebuilt and delivered to the Sheriff and that the Walls of the first Story of the Court House are carried up but the Joists not on. Some of the Materials for further prosecuting the Building of the Court-House being already purchased and many Materials necessary for compleating it being still wanting.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honble House

Signed p Order John Courts Jones Cl. Com.

Which was read a first and second Time and the House was moved that Leave be given to bring in a Bill to levy on the taxable In-