L. H. J. June 22.<sup>d</sup> 1773 Read and referred to the Consideration of the Liber No. 54 June 22 Lower House of Assembly

Signed by Order, U. Scott, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which said Petitions were severally read here the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table

The House adjourns till 3 OClock

## Post Meridiem

The House met.

His Excellency communicates to M. Speaker the following Message.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I am informed, that the Executor of the late Treasurer of the Western Shore hath in his Hands a considerable Sum of Money due to the Publick Schools, that many of them are in great Want of their Dividends, and have requested Payment, but that the Executor, though desirous to pay, is advised he cannot do it legally.

A long Delay of Payment may be very injurious to the Schools, and I submit it to you, Gentlemen, to make such legal Provision as may effectually prevent this Inconvenience in Future

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Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House being informed that M. William Smallwood, a Delegate returned for Charles County, was attending; Ordered that M. Ware and M. Hawkins do go with that Gentlemen to the Upper House to see him qualified.

They return and acquaint M. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

The Petition of Samuel Litten and the Petition of Alexander Cumming which stood referred from October Session 1771, to the second Tuesday in the next Session, were again referred for Consideration to Morrow Morning.

M. Chase brings in and delivers to M. Speaker, a Bill entitled, An Act for more effectually preventing the Buying and selling of Offices. Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning 9 OClock.