June 23

L. H. J. oners in the several County Jails in this Province; thus indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly, June 23.d 1773. Read the Petitions of the several Prisoners, whereof there is a List within, and referred the same to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

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

Which were read here the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

George Steuart, Esq., from the Upper House, delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Petition of Lodowick Davis, of Frederick County, praying Relief in a Deed of Bargain and Sale from the Petitioner to a certain Thomas Davis, thus indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly, June 23.d 1773. Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

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

Which was read here the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table. The House adjourns till 3 OClock.

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Post Meridiem.

The House met.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Petition of Lodowick Davis be read a second Time, and the same was read accordingly. Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same as it shall appear to them to the House. And M. Griffith, M. Beatty, M. Wootton, M. Hagar, and M. Beall, are appointed a Committee accordingly, and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

M.r Paca brings in and delivers to M.r Speaker a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Independency of the Justices, the Enlargement of the County Court Jurisdiction in Cases of Equity, and the Authority of the Deputy Commissaries. Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to ease the People of this Province from trivial Suits in the County Courts; and that M. Wootton, M. Ridgely, M. Deye, M. Hagar, M. Beatty, M. Griffith, M. Hammond, M. J. Hall, M. Gilpin and M. White, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Officers Fees, and that M.r Paca, M.r Johnson, M. W. Ennalls, M. Sim, M. Smallwood M. Beall, M. J. Hall, M. Chase, M. Lloyd, and M. So. Wright, do prepare and bring in the same.

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