By the Upper House of Assembly, April 12, 1774: Read the second L.H.J. Liber 54 Time and will pass.

Signed by Order, James Brooks, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which were severally read here and passed for ingrossing. And a Petition of Lazarus Pumphrey of Anne Arundel County, thus indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly, April 12, 1774; Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

Signed by Order, James Brooks, Cl. Up. Ho."

The House adjourns till 3 O'Clock.

## Post Meridiem.

The House met.

M. Contee appeared in the House.

The Petition of Lazarus Pumphrey was read. Ordered, That the same be referred to the Consideration of a Committee, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same as it shall appear p. 363 to them to the House; and M. Worthington, M. Johnson, M. Chase, M. J. Hall, and M. Hammond, are appointed a Committee accordingly, and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

M. Tyler brings in and delivers to M. Speaker a Bill, entitled, An Act to preserve the Independence of the Members of the Lower House of Assembly. Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court, as read throughout; and the Question was put, that the said Bill do pass; Resolved in the Affirmative.

## For the Affirmative.

Mess. <sup>rs</sup>	Bond, Key, Barnes, Reeder, Maxwell, Ringgold, Worthington, J. Hall, Hammond, Lyles, Somervell, Parran, Weems,	Waters, J. Ennalls, Steele, Ridgely, Tolly, Deye, Ridgely Son of John, Chamberlaine, Thomas, Tyler, Sim, Contee, Reall	Earle, So. Wright, Veazy, Hyland, Gilpin, Ward, Purnell, Robins, Griffith, Funk, Beatty, Bond Son of Tho, <sup>s</sup> Dallam,
	(Hawkins,	Beall,	Love, [41]