

allowance from the publique for Leavys by them lost, by ff. running away of some and Dying Insolvent of other of the Taxable persons of their respective Counties.

Upon Consideration whereof it is voted by this House, That questions about such Matters arising, shall be decided by the Justices of each respective County Court, and the Sherifes allowed for such their losses out of their County Leavys by the discretion of the sayd Justices.

The members aff. also report, that there is before them in the said committee, The petition of Peter Fernandez and William Shute, for maintenance, being both Soldiers wounded at the Susquehanna fort and much disabled by their wounds.

Voted that Peter Fernandez be allowed 3000th Tobacco.
And that William Shute be allowed 3000 pounds of Tobacco.
Then was read a bill Entitled An Act for Regulating the tarrs and Duties in Tobacco Hogsheads the first time.

The House adjourned till to Morrow Morning 7 a Clock.

Wednesday October 24th 1683.

The House met and Called, all present as yesterday.

Then was read what was done Yesterday.

Then was read a Bill Entitled An Act for Regulating the Tarrs and Duties in Tobacco Hogsheads. The second time and after Debate thereupon committed for amendment.

Voted by this House that a Message be forthwith drawn Expressing this Houses gratitude to his Lordsh. the Lord Proprietary for Convening this assembly and Appoynting this Province Court to be held in this place, doe more the Center of his Lordsh. Province for the great ease and Generall Convenience of the Inhabitants thereof and further to desire this Lordsh. to signify to both houses what place this Lordsh. intends to hold all future assemblies and provincials and offices at that this House may take speedy care to make provision of buildings for the uses thereof.

Upon further Debate on the Message of Saturday last Concerning is present to Mr. Dwell read - sent to the vote whether this House shall present him with the Sum of at the publique Charge - (Yea or Nay). Voted in the Negative.

Ordered that Major Long and Mr. Hooper draw in answer to the Message of Saturday last: about Mr. Dwell.

Mr. Secretary Sewell from the upper house brings the Bill for lessning the Number and bettering the breed of Horses and the following Message relating thereto.

Upper House October 24th 1683.

This House have read the bill from the Lower House Entitled an Act