

the duty of Ten p<sup>ts</sup> Cent on all European Commodities Exported out of this Province, and that the Money arising thereupon to be accounted for as the 4<sup>th</sup> of Gallons.

We also studied the Act intitled an Act for laying an Imposition on Negroes, Slaves, and white Servants Imported into this Province which Money so arising was to be accounted for in the same Manner, and finding by the said Act that the Navall Officers are to acc<sup>t</sup> with the Treasurers. wee make our humble address to your Ex<sup>ty</sup> not by any wayes or means to Infringe or frustrate the af<sup>d</sup> Acts and that your Ex<sup>ty</sup> will be so pleased to suffer and permit the severall Navall Officers within this Province to render their accounts to the said Treas<sup>rs</sup> according to the directions of the af<sup>d</sup> Acts. and that your Ex<sup>ty</sup> will be pleased so far to Capacitate the said Robert Mason that he may be able to render his acc<sup>t</sup> to this house this present Session according to the True Intent and Meaning of the af<sup>d</sup> recited Acts.

And further wee humbly address your Ex<sup>ty</sup> that all the severall Sumes accruing and growing due upon the severall af<sup>d</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup> may be disposed of towards the defraying of the Publick Charge of this Province and enlightening the burthen from the poor of the same in the publick Levy Excepting all such severall Sumes which by Law are appropriated to and for the use of the free Schoole.

Signed by Order -

C. Gregory Clk. - house of Delegates.

The house adjourned till one a Clock.

God Die the house met, and were absent as before.

Mr. Shaples petition read Viz.

To the hon<sup>ble</sup> the Delegates and Burgesses now assembled at the port of Annapolis.

The humble petition of Mr. Shaple of Talbot County Merch<sup>t</sup> Humbly sheweth -

That your petition<sup>r</sup> having your Servant Women sent by one in Virg<sup>a</sup> to convey them to Mr. George Hutchison in Pennsylvania and because your pet<sup>r</sup> would not do any thing but what should be allowable in Law, he therefore made report to the officers appointed for the same, but the officer upon that report made, detained the sd<sup>d</sup> Servants, till he should be paid ten p<sup>ts</sup> Cent for the value of the sd<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup> which was by the sd<sup>d</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> accordingly complied with he pretending to demand and require the same by Virtue of the Act of Assembly of this Province, whereas these were Servants that were bought in Virg<sup>a</sup> and only sent the nearest way to Pennsylvania not brought out of England to transport through this Province, nor are they as your pet<sup>r</sup> is advised that such goods and Manufactures as is Expresed or