

Carryed by Majority of voices that an ad^d duty of 3^d p^{ts} maybe advanced towards paym^{ts} of publick Charge of this province.

And Ordered that the Committee of Lawes prepare a bill for that purpose. And Ordered that an Answer to the afo^o Messages be drawne up and sent to his Exc^o and Council for that purpose.

The house adjournes till two a clock in the afternoon.

Post Merid^o The house mett, called over. Present as in the Morning only Mr John Lowe sick.

The petition of Maj^r W^m Barton Sher^o of Prince Georges county for an allowance for imprisonment fees for a Servant boy in his custody read and Ordered Maj^r Barton be Called into the house who appeared and is Desired to Explain his petition, which was read and is Ordered to withdraw and the petition was againe read and Debated.

It is the Opinion of the house th^t the Sher^o be Satisfied for his imprisonment fees from the time that the said Serv^t boy was Committed untill his Master disclaimed him.

Putt to the question whether Prince Georges county shall pay the fees or the burthen thereof be borne by the publick. Carryed by the Majority of voices that Prince Georges County ought to pay the said fees.

And it is resolved by this house that Prince Georges County pay the said fees to the Sher^o from the time he was legally Committed to his custody till his said Master disclaimed him.

Coll^o Edwards Loyde, Mr James Saunders Mr John Weight, Mr W^m Parker, Capt^o John Franklyn, Mr Jacob Loocherman, Mr James Smallwoods sent up to his Exc^o and Council with the following bills. viz^t - Bill for Speedy obtaining Execution &c. Bill to encourage the importacon of Coyne, and an Ordinance concerning Indian Lands.

They returne and say they Delivered the same.

An Answer to the Messages ordered this day to be prepared is now read as followeth.

By the House of Delegates May 16th 1701.

This house having taking into Consideration the three Messages & yesterday by Tho^s Touch and John Addison Esq^r. One relating to an Agent to be appointed in England to Solicite &c which was in this house read and debated.

It is resolved by the house that the further Consideration thereof be referred to the next Sessions of Assembly.

Wherein his Exc^o Desires this house will Considerate & Conceive whether the Rangers shall be Continued or totally disbanded, and thereupon Carryed by Majority of voices that the Rangers be wholly Disbanded.