

And in as much as the new method of holding the Provincial Court and the Judges going the Circuit is known to be of great use and advantage to her Majesty's Subjects in this Province as well Suitors Jurors and Evidences, It is thought 25000 Tobacco, will be an handsome Support for each Judge to undertake the Service as well as discharge his Expenses thereon — And his Excellency being willing while he stays to allow Towards it 5000 Tobacco, Annually out of his fees of the Great Seal besides the unnecessary Charge to the Sheriffs for publick Packets of 5500, and the yearly Rent of an Armes house which may be saved by their being better Secured in one of the Upper Rooms of the Court house 2000 besides the Charge of Ferriages on the Western Shoare, for the Justices and their Servants will be more than sufficient.

Signed & ordered W. Bladen C. C.

Which being Read order'd it lye on the Clerks Table for the Members perusal till Monday Morning Next.

The House Adjourn'd till to morrow Morning ten a Clock  
Saturday: 4<sup>th</sup> Decemb. 1700.

The House met according to Adjournment being called over were present as Yesterday.

Then was Read what was done Yesterday.

Moved that Col Walter Smith M<sup>r</sup>. Phillip Lee, and M<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Dobgale have leave to goe home till Monday which was granted.

The Honble Col Greenfield and Phillip Lynes Esq. enter the House and deliver M<sup>r</sup>. Speaker the following Petition.

The Petition of Alexander Fraser and Sarah his Wife on behalf of Christian Sterling A Minor Daughter of Thomas Sterling late of Calvert County deceased Praying leave to bring in a Bill to sell certain Lands the Estate of the said Christian for the Redemption of a Mortgage for the benefit of the said Orphan Endors'd.

By His Excellency the Gov. and Council in Assembly.  
December 3. 1700.

The Within Petition Read and recommended to the House of Delegates to permit a Bill be brought in and that good honest men be Impowrd to sell the Land and discharge the Mortgage.

Signed & ordered W. Bladen C. C.

Which petition being Read in the House was granted and Order'd to be Indors'd as follows.

By the House of Delegates. the 4<sup>th</sup> Decemb. 1700.

The Petition Read and leave given to bring in a Bill as Pray'd and