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It is humbly Offered to this Committee as an Aggravance that the Seborall Ordinary Keepers within this Province have given large Credit to Sailors belonging to Several Ships trading into the said Province to the great Hindrance of their said Masters business for that when their said Sailors should be about their Service they are kept and detained by the said Ordinary Keepers tipling in their houses, and likewise when the said Masters are ready to proceed on their voyage they are forced to stay some time to discharge their said Sailors Debts soe Contracted as aforesaid, all which is humbly offered to the Honble House of Delegates to consider thereof — Signed in order  
John Beale & Com<sup>rs</sup>

Which being Read in the House Resolved it is an Aggravance And Recommended to the Committee of Laws to prepare a Bill to prohibit Ordinary Keepers from trusting Sailors or suffering them to be tipling in their houses, and that if they do they shall have no Relief by Complaint to a Justice or any Action against any such Sailor for their Debts, And Ordered that Clerks of the County Courts give a Copy of this Law to each Navall Officer to be affixed publicly in his Office that the Masters of Shippes may be Acquainted therewith

The House Adjournes till Monday Morning Nine a Clock

Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of October 1709

The House again mett according to Adjournment being called over were present as on Saturday.

The Petition of Tobias and John Pollard of Dorchester County and a Bill brought in therewith was Read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading

Petition of some Inhabitants of St. Marys County for a Town to be erected on Choptico Run in the said County Read and Granted Sent to Committee of Laws &c.

George Ferguson and Sarah Phillips Petition Read and further referred for Consideration.

Jac<sup>ob</sup> Nicholls Son and heir of John Nicholls late of Dorchester County presented his Petition and was heard read and Ordered that Mr. ~~Walker~~ be brought in to empower Mr. Hugh Eccleston Mr. Walker Campson Mr. John Hudson Mr. Henry Ennalls and Mr. Gouvert Lockerman or any two of them, to value the Land in the Petition mentioned &c.