

and one John Low's Bills £5-0-0 both amounting to £15-11-8 and there is no Body to apply to, to get new Bills; therefore your Petitioner craves he may be allowed the Money next Levy, having paid the same to the Public of his own Stock. And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall pray

Indorsed as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

Tho: Smithson

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly March 31<sup>st</sup> 1707. Upon reading the above Petition the Request thereon is thought reasonable and it is recommended to the House of Delegates that Colo: Smithson be allowed therefor and in case he can by any Means hereafter recover the Money he be accountable to the Country for the same. Signed by Order W: Bladen C. C. Which being read and debated in the House it's put to the Question whether the Petitioner shall have an Allowance or not? Carried in the Affirmative and ordered that Colo: Smithson be allowed £15-11-8 and if hereafter he recover it, to be refunded.

The Gentlemen appointed to attend his Excellency to hear read her Majesty's Instructions relating to Itinerant Justices ordered to withdraw for that Purpose. Soon after they return again and acquaint Mr. Speaker they heard that Instruction read to them.

Upon reading the Message brought into the House relating to Richard Clarke it is ordered that Colo: John Cortee, Mr. Robert Bradley, Mr. William Krisby, Mr. John Mutton, and Colo: Pearce be and are appointed a Committee to examine Evidences upon the Matter contained in the Message and report it to the House. Took the Message and Propositions and withdrew.

Colo: Edward Lloyd enters the House and delivers Mr. Speaker two Petitions of Queen Anne's County, the Consideration whereof referred till to Morrow Morning. Upon reading the Message relating to Towns in Ann Arundel County. As to the first Part this House do resolve, that longer Time be given them, for laying out their Towns and the latter Part referred till to Morrow for further Consideration.

Bills for preventing the Abuse in breaking open publick and private Letters Indorsed Viz<sup>t</sup> March 31<sup>st</sup> 1707 Read in Council the first Time

Signed by Order W: Bladen C. C.

And ordered to be read. Which being read in the House was thus indorsed Eodem Die.

Read in the House the first Time and do pass

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning Seven o'Clock.

(Tuesday)