

The two last Bills sent up by Mr Robert Tylor and Mr John Hudson for his Excellency and Honour's concurrence. They return and say they delivered the Bill

Bill against counterfeiting foreign Coins. Ordered it to be indorsed thus April 4th 1707
And the second Time with Amendment and do pass

Ordered that Mr John Wooler and Mr Thomas Howe carry the same up to his Excellency and Council for their concurrence. They return and say they delivered the Bill

Ordered the Petition of the Gentlemen of Douchester County to be carried up to the Committee of Law

Brought into the House a Bill for Relief of Debtors under Execution.

Ordered it lie on the Table to be read in the Afternoon

The Petition of some Inhabitants of Douchester County brought into the House by Mr John Hammond, Mr Lloyd, and Mr William Coursoy, ordered to be read and entered by

To his Excellency John Seymour Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Maryland. The Petition of Hugh Eccleston, John Hodson, Joseph Emmels

and Roger Woolford of Douchester County on Behalf of several the Inhabitants humbly sheweth

That about the Year 1704 a certain Humphry Hubbard was constituted and appointed Deputy Commissary of the said County and during the said Year and next Year following did take the Probate of several Wills of several of the Inhabitants of the said County and thereupon granted Administrations as also did take the Inventories of several Estates and Accounts and Probate of the same made up before him according to the Act of Assembly in such Case provided and your said Petitioners further take Leave to inform your Excellency and Honours that in the Year 1705 coming up to the Commissary General's Court in Order to return the said Wills Inventories and Accounts into the said Office an Accident by Fire happened, whereby not only the Book of the said Humphry was wholly consumed but also all the ^{said} Wills Inventories and Accounts were wholly consumed and turned to Ashes by which Means sundry of the Inhabitants having Lands and Legacies bequeathed unto them by the said Wills and several Orphans and Creditors by the Loss of such Inventories and several poor ignorant People having exhibited and made up such Accounts and not having Copies of the same are wholly and will if not remedied suffer very much some to their Disinheritance and Ruin

The Petitioners considered your Petitioners humbly pray that a Bill may be brought in to relieve the said Sufferers by enacting that the Copy of the said Wills Inventories and Accounts now lodged in the Commissary General's Office and proved to be a true Copy by the Oath of the said Humphry may have the same Power and Effect in Law as the said Originals if they had not been burnt. And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall pray. John Hodson, Roger Woolford, Joseph Emmels, Hugh Eccleston —

Indorsed by his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly April 4th 1707 —

This Petition is thought very reasonable and recommended to the House of Delegates that such a Bill be brought in.

Signed by Order. M. Bladen. C. Secy