

An Act laying an Imposition of three Pence ^{per Pipe} on Tobacco to defray the Charge of the Province. Resolved it be revived

An Act relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Grievances they lie under Resolved it be revived - Resolved upon the Report of the said Committee that a Bill be brought in to ascertain who are Taxable

Arthur Millers Petition Read and Leave given to bring in a Bill next Session upon maturing good the Allegations unless Andrew Shimmer the Heir at Law of Andrew Shimmer in the Petition mentioned shall then appear and give cause to the contrary having due Notice hereof

Francis Sherwoods Petition Read He appeared at the Bar with his Evidence and Council and Mr. Daniel Sherwood his Brother and Heir at Law to the Petitioners Father appearing at the Bar and hearing the Petition and the Evidence made no Objections and the Matter in the Petition being reasonable. Resolved nemine contradicente that a Bill be brought in for the Petitioners Relief as prayed -

Mr. Frisby and Mr. Woolford report to the House the Answer to the Honble Presidents Speech which being read and approved was ordered to be entered as followeth Viz.

To the Honble Edward Lloyd Esq. President of her Majestys Honble Council of Maryland and Commander in Chief thereof

We her Majestys most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Deputies & Delegates of the said Province now in Assembly convened in most dutiful and humble Manner crave Leave to return your Honour our most Dutiful and hearty Thanks for concurring us at this Time when the Country we represent needs so much Succour and Relief; the deplorable and sad Condition whereof in some Measure we greatly hope will be lessened by the delightful Prospect of the glorious and happy Peace we expect will follow the Suspension of Arms agreed upon between her Majesty and the most Christian King, Her Majestys Royal Proclamation for declaring the same so happily arriving before the Time of our Meeting and your Honours prudent Care in so timely communicating it to this House. As it always was so we hope it always will be the Care and Concern of this House to have it in their View to dispatch in a convenient Time the necessary Business that lies before them and that with as little Charge as the Necessities of these we represent will bear assuring your Honour this House have under their Consideration the Methods for raising such necessary Supplies as shall be needful to defray the publick Charge of this Province for this present Year wherein we gratefully acknowledge your Honours Care and Endeavours to make it as light and easy to its miserable Inhabitants as you could. but the Opportunity of returning in a few Days to our respective Habitations will never induce us willingly to leave the Country we represent in the same Condition it was when we were elected

Your Honour cannot be more sensible of the Notion some have that you may absent to any Law that may be proposed than this House are of your tender Care and Concern to serve her Majesty and do all the good Offices you can to the People, you have the Honour to govern under her and by her particular favour of so long Duration which we pray may still continue, and as we the Representative Body of the Province have no Design of offering any Thing of great Moment to your Honour but what is abso-