Delivers Mr Speaker the petition of Tobias Pollard against Mr Peter Taylor to his Excy and the Honourable Councill complaining of Scandalous reflections as well towards the said Pollard as the Governour and upper and Lower houses of Assembly with the following Message which was read and Ordered to be Entred as follows viz.t —

By the upper house of Assembly May 19th 1719 —

Gentlemen Upon Evidence given after reading the petition to Tobias Pollard herewith sent you, this House is of Opinion that not only his Excellency the Governour in particular but the whole Legislature of this Province in Generall is bewely aspersed and reflected on by a Member of your House, wherein as we taketh, your house is particularly Concerned, for if the petitioner were a Fool in the Case alledged, what Opinion must the Country have of their who are so easily influenced and perverted by one single pernicious person to Consent to the ruin of their Country, Such practices we take to be barbarously malicious, and of very ill Consequence in the Effects of them as tending to create Jealousies and Distrusts between the people and his Lordships Governour & both houses of Assembly — If upon Examination you find the facts that the Gent.n is Charged with all to be true, we do not in the least Question but that you will readily fall into your Measures as in your Wisdome shall seem meet, most Effectually to discourage and prevent such base and Dangerous practices for the future — Signed p Ord.r Jn.o Beard Clk. up. ho.

Which was read & referred for further Consideration till to morrow —

Col.o Ward from the upper house Delivers Mr Speaker the petition of Samuel Lyle a poor prisoner in Calvert County praying to be released out of Custody of the Shrff of

Calvert