

Which being so Endorsed is Sent to the Upper house by Messrs. Tyler & Cabb
Whoretan & say they have delivered it for the Petition of the

Rowley and Thomas Larkin is referred till the next Session — The Petition of James
Hudstone and Movable Pierpont referred from the last Session for confirming
Robert Andersons Wills being read — Leave is given to bring in a Bill as
prayed — John Rowley Esq. from the Senate especially appointed returns
the Report following vizt — The Report of the Committee especially
appointed by the Lower house of Assembly to examine into the Allegations of the
Petition of Richard Thatcher of Albemarle County Planter and to make their Report
thereon — Of the Gentlemen appointed for the purpose are Mr. John
Rowley, Mr. James Leake, Mr. Benj. Parker, Mr. William Landon and Capt. P.
Lodge Esq. — Who make choice of John Rowley Esq. to be Chairman & John Salbot
Clerk —

Who having considered the Allegations of all parties that appeared before
them, as well as the Wills of Daniel Toad, Sen. Deed, has humbly of Opinion
that his Lands in ~~Virginia~~ Maryland ought not to be sold for the paym.
of his Debts, for that his Lands in Pennsylvania are well for the payment of the same
which remain yet unsold — And are likewise of Opinion, that fifteen hundred
Acres, part of four thousand five hundred Acres for which Robert Roberts obtained an
Act of Assembly does of right belong to Sarah Toad, Daughter of Daniel Toad, by the
Wills of her Father Deed. — And that it further appears to them, by the Oath
of Mr. Conroy that John Toad satisfied Robert Roberts for the Debt for which
she became bound for the said John Toad, and that he had no just right to apply to
the house for such an Act — Which Proceedings are humbly Submitted to
the house for their further Consideration. — Signed by Order — John Salbot Clerk

And the said Committee having likewise inserted into the Petition of Thomas Byson
Wright Guardian of John and Thomas Elizabeth and Mary Conroy the heirs and Children of
Mr. John Conroy late of Queen Anne County Deed — Are of Opinion, that the heirs of
John Conroy at most have but an equal right with the other brother Children, if any at
all — Signed by Order John Salbot Clerk — On reading the first reading
as to Richard Thatcher leave is given to bring in a bill as prayed — And as to the other
relating to the Petition of Thomas Byson Wright — The Petition of the said Thomas
Byson Wright is Rejected — John Hull Esq. with two others from the Upper house
delivered Mr. Speaker the following Message vizt —

By the Upper house of Assembly October the 20: 1720
Gentlemen We have Considered your Resolutions for the Amendment of the
Land Law and find by your first and second Proposals, you give the appointment and
nomination of the Judges in Land Affairs entirely to the Votes of the people rendering
the prerogative in that only useful so far as it is ruled and directed by their Election which
seems to be treating the prerogative in so low a Manner as We cannot Consent to
This we know would extend privileges beyond its proper Limits which must needs
be attended with many Inconveniences, amongst which may be Considered
The continual Interests that would be Annually made by designing Persons to have
their favourites elected and the partiality that might be Occasioned by the factious
Ambosities and Factional Parties, that such Election would be but to get to propagate
the Inconveniences of having frequently new Judges in Land Affairs whereas the Long
continuance of the same Judges and the Experience they gain there by may be of great
Use to the Right Determination of such suits also the Charge of Annual Elections
and annual Elections, with others to numerous to Particularize, but yet to Obviate
Escape your Notice — We therefore rather chuse to recommend to your Consideration
the preparing a Supplementary Bill to the Act now in force whereby Provisions may
be made to Oblige the Commissioners that qualify themselves to attend their duty