

Cupils or Janets built thereon for the convenience of hoisting a flag on Publick Occasion the present Method used by hoisting it on a pole stuck up in the Office being rather ridiculous than a Decent Ornament to the publick, and we take the Liberty of affirming you that some remarks that have been made that the former Cupils and flag stay made the house leaky have been groundless for that after the repair of it a little before the fire it was perfectly tight and we are of Opinion may be easily made so againe - We also observe that the sume you mentioned for an Engine and buckets is too small and rather propose that you send for a good fire Engine to work with four hands to be made to play with a braze spout on legged out Leather Trunks and three Doz<sup>n</sup> good strong Leather buckets and than there can be no danger of having a bad Engine bought by restraint of the price. Signed of Order John Beale Esq<sup>r</sup> of the House of Commons August 29<sup>th</sup> 1721 from the Upper house Delivered Mr Speaker Bill for the relief of Mr. Comway thus Endorsed viz<sup>t</sup> By the Upper house of Assembly August the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1721

This Bill will pass - Signed of Order John Beale Esq<sup>r</sup> of the House of Commons which was read againe and pass'd for Engraving and sent to the Committee of Laws to be Engraved Col: Fulham from the Upper house Delivered Mr Speaker the Bill against Edward Murrill and viz<sup>t</sup> By the Upper house of Assembly August the 11<sup>th</sup> 1721

Gentlemen At reading this bill it is the Opinion of this house that it is no proper time to Discourage of Importation of any Merchandises into this province and that the evil thereof might be greater than that proposed to be remedied by the bill wherefore it will not pass Signed of Order John Beale Esq<sup>r</sup> of the House of Commons August the 11<sup>th</sup> 1721

The house adjourns till one o'clock in the afternoon - Post meridiem the house met according to adjournment - Ordered that the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore send for a fire Engine to work with four hands to play with a braze spout only (10<sup>th</sup> out Leather trunks) and three Doz<sup>n</sup> good strong Leather buckets on the account of the publick - Col: Addison from the Upper house Delivered Mr Speaker the bill for freeing the Inhabitants from Duties on Negroes of this Endorsed viz<sup>t</sup> By the Upper house of Assembly August the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1721

This bill being read will pass Signed of Order John Beale Esq<sup>r</sup> of the House of Commons which was read againe and pass'd for Engraving and sent to the Committee of Laws to be Engraved Col: Ward from the Upper house Delivered Mr Speaker the Bill for relief of Rich: Shalton thus Endorsed viz<sup>t</sup> By the Upper house of Assembly August the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1721

Gentlemen We have heard both parties for and against the within Bill and heard and considered sundry Matters of Evidence in relation thereto & have great reason to believe that the Act Entituled an Act Empowering Robert Roberts of Great Anns County to sell part of a tract of Land Lying in Coll County called New Minster late the Land of Dan: Swan for the uses therein mentioned and to make good and valid such Sale formerly obtained by Rob: Roberts for the Sale of Dan: Swan's Land called New Minster was obtained by the practice and upon false suggestions but we are likewise of Opinion that a great regard ought to be had to the purchaser for valuable Considerations without notice of the present Dispute under the same Act for that the publick faith and Justice and Justice of the Colony and especially concerned therein and therefore we refer the passing the within Bill until the next Session by which time we propose to Enquire whether their be any of the said Land to

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