

Council or U^pr. House out of the Revenue given them for support of Government. It is

Ordered that the Committee of Laws inspect into the Laws and Journals of Assembly in those times and report to the House how that matter then stood, and these Gent^l were then provided for.

And the answering the said Message brought down by the Hon^{ble} Thomas Brooke Esq^r & nine others of the U^pr. House this Morning is referred till that Report is made.

On Reading the Petition of Alexander Mackay of Cecil County praying leave to bring in a bill for supplying the defects of a certain deed therein made from Robert Hughes. It is

Ordered that the same be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Aggravances, and make their Report thereon to this House with all convenient speed.

Ordered that Maj^r Willson and Mr. James Loyd go along with John Fowley Esq. Naval Officer of Port Royal to the U^pper House to see him prove his accounts.

They return and say they see him prove the same.

The Petition of Richard Manning referred from the 29th day of April 1715 to be considered the 4th day of this Session is further referred under the Order then made thereon till the 4th day of next Session and the parties concerned are to appear then for the House has resolved to proceed then to the consideration of the said Petition and allegations.

M^r. Joseph Hill from the Committee of accounts delivered M^r. Speaker An^d Hon^{ble} Esq^r accounts of the 3rd M^o for purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the defence of the Province thus endorsed.

By the Committee of accounts July the 24th 1716.

On Examination of the within accounts His humbly Reported to the Lower house of Assembly that this Committee finds it to be just and true and the clear Balance remaining thereon to be 214^l 10^s 10^d the accountant having already deducted his Salary.

Signed for order John Beard Clk Com^{rs}

The order made the 7th of May 1715. by the house of Delegates at Cecil County Court house with the Sheriff (wherein thereon is referred to be considered to morrow Morning).

The House adjourns till 8 o'clock to morrow Morning.

Wednesday Morning 25th July 1716.

The House being called over Members were present as yesterday except Col^l Mackall who is sick and is therefore excused.

The Proceedings of the House on yesterday were made.

On a Motion made that it would be very advantageous to the Country to impose a greater duty then 20^s head on Negroes and Irish Papists servants for the defraying the publick charge of this Province.