

Was sent to the Upper House by Col: Seat Major Harris Capt: Hendall and Mr: Wittington,

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The House adjourn till Monday Morning Eight of the Clock  
Monday May the 5<sup>th</sup> 1718.

The House Meet according to adjournment,  
Saturday proceedings are read.

An Engrossed bill to Confirm Lands to Mary Hall was read and ordered to be thus indorsed viz: - May the 5<sup>th</sup> 1718.

Read and assented to by the Lower House of Assembly &

Signed J: C: Mier: Sec: Gen: C: S: Ho:

And sent to the Upper House by Mr: Charles Wright and Mr: Babes,

They return and say they Delivered it.

The Petition of Maurice Birchfield Esq: praying leave to bring in a Bill to Confirm a Conveyance for Turkey point from Chilton to Brown and of being heard by Council was read & leave is given the pet<sup>r</sup> to be heard by Council & ordered y<sup>t</sup> the Secy:ant sh<sup>o</sup> notice attend in the afternoon.

Henry Lowe Esq: from the upper house Delivered Mr: Speaker the Bill for Limitation of actions &c: This Indorsed viz:

By the Lower House of Assembly May the 5<sup>th</sup> 1718.

Read and will pass with the following amendment viz: - That thirleen Months time be allowed in the inferior Courts and Twenty five Months in the Superior Courts except in Cases where Evidences are wanting from beyond Seas and that at the discretion of the Judges before whom such Cases shall be depending and if the default be in the prosecutor then to be discontinued but if in the Defence Judgment for the plaintiff.

Signed J: C: Mier: Sec: Gen: C: S: Ho:

Which being read with the Indorsements was remitted to the Committee of Laws for amendment.

And the petition of Esther Smith and Esther Oldfield thus - & indorsed viz: - By the Up: house of Assembly May the 5<sup>th</sup> 1718.

Upon reading the within petition this House is of opinion that the petitioners are objects of Charity and that by the Corrupt and Malitious evidence of the prosecutors they have suffered unjustly. Wherefore we refer their deplorable and unhappy circumstances being charged with great fees (all of which are remitted except the Sheriffs) unto the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly and further propose that after such abatements are made on the Sheriffs fees as may be thought reasonable the said persons may be set at large from their unhappy confinements at the