

If upon examination you find the Facts that the Gent<sup>l</sup> 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 wisdom shall seem meet, most effectually to discourage and prevent such waste and dangerous practices for the future

Signed by Order J<sup>r</sup>. Beard C<sup>l</sup>. up. Ho.

Which was read and referred for further Consideration till to Morrow

Col<sup>l</sup>. Ward from the Upper House delivered Mr. Speaker, The petition of Samuell Lyle a poor prisoner in Calvert County, praying to be released from y<sup>r</sup>. Custody of the Sher<sup>v</sup>. of Calvert County thus Endors'd Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly May 19<sup>th</sup> 1719.

On reading the within petition it is referred to the Consideration of the Lower House — Signed by Order John Beard C<sup>l</sup>. up. Ho.

Which was read and leave given to bring in a bill as prayed and ordered, the Committee of Laws prepare the bill

Ordered that the Sergeant attendant to this House take into his Custody Mr. George Forbes for not attending the Committee of Elections according to the Order of that Committee and bring him before the house

Mr. Forbes according to the order of the House appears and on his Submission is discharged paying y<sup>r</sup>. Sergeant and Door Keeper their Fees

The Answers to his Excell<sup>ty</sup>'s Speech being prepared by the Committee of Laws was read and approved and ordered to be entered as follows, viz.

(By the Lower House of Assembly) May the 19<sup>th</sup> 1719.

(May it please your Excellency)

The many important Occasions your Excellency was pleased to Communicate by your Speech at the beginning of this Session sufficiently convince the Necessity of convening us at this time altho' inconvenient to our private affairs, but as we shall always prefer the publick good to any private Interests of our own, we shall endeavour with such

and diligence to apply and exert ourselves to the Dispatch of business now before us as may render our Services equally acceptable to your Excellency and our Country we are thankfull for their Lordships the Lords Guilford and Batternes approbation of our late proceedings in asserting the authority of his Courts and persons of his Ministers, and we shall most sincerely endeavour to merit the like approbation by using our utmost Endeavours for the strengthening an Continuance thereof. H