

made for reading the references from last session, the further consideration thereof is referred till to morrow morning.

The Petition of Joseph Gough a Langueishing prisoner in Queen Anns County praying Law to bring in a Bill for his relief was read and referred for further consideration, and Ordered that the Sec^{rs} Creditors have Notice thereof that if they think fit they may appear and make their Objections thereto.

The Answer of the House to the Gov^rs Speech brought down from the Comitee of Laws fairly Transcribed was read and Ordered to be Entered as follows vizt

To the Honble Charles Calvert Esq. His Lordships Sec^y Governor of Maryland and the Humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly May it please your Hon^{rs} As we are of Opinion that the publick interest is most secure when there is the greatest Harmony between the Governour and the people so we shall always think it our duty to Endeavour to the utmost of our power to promote it wherein we receive ourselves suff^{ly} Encouraged by the Example and Recommendation of a Governour that makes it his generall resolution to perfect the good of the Country to his own private interest.

The Assembly in July 1721 having addressed His Lordships concerning the Act for Limitation of Officers fees and given their reasons for the present regulation to which we presume His Lordships has yet returned no Answer, we can only say that we concur in Opinion wth that Assembly and are inclinable to wait till His Lordships shall signify his pleasure. The Tobs. being of the last consequence we shall take the same into Consideration and we return your Hon^{rs} our most humble and Unfeigned thanks for your readiness to concur with us in what may be for the good of the Country which you have upon all occasions suff^{ly} promised to have sincerely at heart. A just regulation of the Militia is certainly of great consequence to the Country and therefore we shall take the same into Consideration and contribute our Endeavour to put it upon the best foot the Circumstances of the Country is capable of and apply the best remedy we can to the suppressing the fraudulent practice of running Tobacco into Virginia and a nother of our neighbouring Colonies. we shall we hope applye ourselves with so much diligence to the despatch of Publick business that no more time be spent therein nor the province put to more charge than is absolutely necessary.

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Signed J. Order M. Jenifer Clerk Lower House