

Mr. Benjⁿ Mackall appears in the house - Ordered that Mr. Walter Smith and Mr. M^r Young to go and see him qualified in the upper house, they return and say they see him qualified - Thereupon he took his place - On the motion made that a Bill be brought into prevent the inconvenience that often happen by the Quasalls of proceedings on forcible Entries and detainers - Ordered that the Committee of Laws prepare one accordingly -

The Petition of Thomas Jaget of Prince Georges County desiring to be relieved ag^t. some hardship he has suffered by the late Tobacco Law was read and referred for further consideration - The Petition of Roger Mumphy of Kent County praying an allowance for bringing to Justice one John Sidman a felon was read and Resolved that he be allowed one thousand pounds of Tobacco in the Publick -

The Petition of the Vestry and Church Wardens of Westminster Parish praying that part of the parish on the south side of St. James whereof Mr. Tibbs Incumbent may be added to Westminster Parish &c. was read and Leave given to bring in a Bill as prayed unless the said Mr. Tibbs appears this Session and makes his objections thereto by Friday next -

Coll^o. John Ward and the rest of the Gent. of the Committee appointed to view the prison &c. bring into the House the following Report viz^t

A Committee appointed by the Lower House of Assembly to go and view the publick prison at Annapolis and make their Report to the said House of Assembly in what Condition the said prison and prisoners are -

The Gent. appointed are Coll. John Ward Mr. Dan^l Sherwood, Mr. Edward Weight, Mr. Thomas Colley - who make choice of Mich^l. Hammond to be their Clerk and thereupon proceed in the affair as follows viz^t

That the said Committee find the prison to be very bad and all the sides of the wood work decayed and the upper work very insufficient to confine any person therein and the prisoners in a deplorable condition occasioned for want of conveniences in the said prison all which is humbly referred to the House for their further Consideration -

Signed for order Nicholas Hammond Cl^k. Committee

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Which being read it is resolved that a new publick prison be built with proper conveniences for prisoners (at the publick charge) except prisoners committed for debts by the