

For Fees arising due to the said Edmund Jennings as Secretary of this Province, which Bonds he said  
Jennings presented to Mr. Peter Taylor then Sheriff of Dorchester County to be received that the said John Brannock  
offered to pay the said Taylor and his Deputy John Wackool the said several Fees due and for which the  
Bonds were taken, notwithstanding which tender, and repeated proposals to the said Taylor to receive  
said Tobacco, the said Taylor contrary to all justice reason and law, procured judgments to be  
rendered on the said Bonds, and the said John after rendering the said judgments made tender of the said  
Tobacco, notwithstanding which repeated tenders and proposals of him the said John Brannock  
the said John was served with Executions on the said judgments and his body detained in prison  
to his great expense and damage both of his Person and Fortune, which Actings and Doings appear  
Committee conceive to be a great Aggravance and abuse of the right and Liberty of the Subject and  
therefore humbly submitted to your Honourable House. Signed by Order of the Committee Tho. Lynn

On reading the said Report the House ordered the Clerk to issue Summonses for the several persons  
therein complained of, and ordered Mr. Brannock to inform the Clerk of the Persons named, and likewise the  
Names of the several Evidences to the Facts that Summonses may issue requiring them to attend this  
House next Monday seven Night.

Benjamin Carter Esq. from the Upper House delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill entitled an Act reviving  
an Act of Assembly entitled an Act concerning Ordinaries &c.

The Bill entitled an Act reviving an Act of Assembly entitled an Act for relieving the Inhabitants of  
this Province from some Aggravances in the prosecution of Suits at Law &c. The Bill entitled an Act  
reviving an Act of Assembly entitled an Act for licensing Pedlars and Hawkers - The Bill entitled an  
Act reviving an Act entitled an Act to prevent the injuring Harbour within this Province and for  
repealing the Acts therein mentioned - And the Bill entitled an additional Supplementary Act to the  
Act entitled an Act for the trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have been or  
shall arise or severally indorsed, -

By the Upper House of Assembly 12<sup>th</sup> May 1738 read the first time and ordered to lie on the Table  
Signed by Order of the Upper House. And thus by the Upper House of Assembly May 13<sup>th</sup> 1738  
the second time and will pass Signed by Order of the Upper House.

which Bills severally read here and passed for engraving  
Ed. Ward from the Upper House delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill entitled an Act to encourage the  
making of Linen-cloth within this Province of Slaves or Hemp of the growth thereof indorsed -  
By the Upper House of Assembly 13<sup>th</sup> May 1738.

Read the second time and will pass with the following Amendments, instead of the present title, put  
these words, An Act for the Benefit of the Poor and encouragement of Industry. The words  
of the Preamble in 3<sup>rd</sup> line of 2<sup>nd</sup> page to be omitted. after the word LINEN in the same line and  
add these words. And be it enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid that the remaining  
part of the said thirty pounds so to be levied as aforesaid by Virtue of this Act, shall be paid and  
applied to the several Persons and Used following Viz<sup>t</sup> - And in the same line and pass leave out  
word, in, and insert the words, to the same Court aforesaid. Signed by Order of the Upper House  
which Bills with the Amendments proposed, passed for engraving.

Mr. Robert Jonckins Berry brings in a Bill entitled an Act for ascertaining the Gauge  
of the several Rivers and Creeks and the weight and Measure to be therein contained, read the first time and  
ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns until Monday morning at 9 of the clock

Monday Morning May 15<sup>th</sup> 1738  
The House of Representatives adjourned - all present as on Saturday - Mr. Hammond appeared by  
Mr. [unclear]