

or that the Account should be paid by the Public? Carried, that the Account should be paid by the Public.

For the Account being paid by the Public,

Mrs. } Bond, Wilson, Graham, R. Graham,	Worthington,	N. Goldborough,	Stoddert,	Thigman,
	Harrison,	Hyland,	Gordon,	Rohrer,
	King, Dahiel,	Bayard, Wootton,	T. Hammond,	Parrell.

For the Account being paid by Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Courts, Mr. Willifon, Col. Hooper, and Capt. Ennells,

Mrs. } Caroll, P. Hammond,	Henry Hall, Smith,	Sheredine, Buchanan,	Addison, Dalany,	Hopper, Scarborough.
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On the Determination of the above Question, It is Resolved, That the Account be paid by the Public, inasmuch, as it appears, that the Non-attendance of those Gentlemen, was occasioned by the great Apprehension they were under, from the Rumour of the Small-Pox raging in Annapolis.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.  
Post Meridieum.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Prince George's County, relating to the Division of the said County, &c. be heard at the Bar of this House, on Tuesday next.

Col. Hooper, from the Committee of Grievances, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report, viz.

By the Committee of Grievances, and Courts of Justice, June 5, 1747.

IN Pursuance of the Order of Reference, of your Honourable House, in Relation to the Petition of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Chafe, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, in Baltimore County, your Committee have procured a View of the Bond, passed by the said Chafe, to Mrs. Jeanette Bourdillion, for Twenty-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, upon which a Judgment hath been rendered in the County and Provincial Courts, and Execution thereupon issued, and for which your Committee are informed the said Chafe is now confined in Prison, and has been for some Time past, according to the Tenor of the said Petition; a Copy of which Bond is hereunto annexed (marked N<sup>o</sup> 1.) Thomas Bladen, Esq; late Governor of this Province, was pleased to send to your Committee, the Deposition made by him, hereunto annexed (marked No. 2.) to which, and the Depositions of Edmund Jennings, Esq; his Lordship's Secretary of State, and John Raitt, subscribing Evidences to the said Bond, hereunto annexed (marked 3 and 4.) your Committee pray Leave to refer. It appears to your Committee, by the said Depositions, that the said Bond was taken before the Induction of the said Chafe, in to the said St. Paul's Parish; and that the said Bond was a Consideration for such Induction, and the taking thereof justified by the said Thomas Bladen, Esq; and his Lordship's Secretary, who was of Council (as he declares) with him on the Occasion. Your Committee humbly presume to represent to your Honourable House, That by an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for the Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province, according to the Church of England; and for the Maintenance of Ministers, Provision is made for faithful and able Ministers, labouring in the Work of the Gospel, to come and reside in this Province, by a Tax on the People, and Inhabitants thereof, and payable to the Minister of each respective Parish, presented, inducted, or appointed by the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being. That the People of this Province, His Majesty's liege subjects, are the Founders and Endowers of all the Churches within the same; and that the aforeaid unplied Power of Presentation and Induction, is at most but a Trust.

That the Sale of such Presentations or Inductions, is a Discouragement to learned and faithful able Clergymen, to come into, or reside within this Province, contrary to the Canons of our Holy Church, and the Statute Laws of our Mother Country, highly indecent and unbecoming, brings scandal on God's holy and truly Christian Religion, and is greatly injurious to the People. That in particular, the Parishioners of St. Paul's Parish, have been deprived of the Comforts of the Administration of the said Thomas Chafe, in his Functions, as a Clergyman, in the said Parish, ever since the 21st Day of November, 1746, the Time on which he was first executed and imprisoned on the said Bond and Judgment, notwithstanding they are chargeable with, and pay the Tax aforesaid.

Your Committee humbly conceive, such Attings and Doings is a great Grievance, and very much tends to lessen the Opinion of the People of his Lordship the Lord Proprietary, and alienate their Minds and Affections from his Lordship, his good Rule and Government; but is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

[May Sess. 1747.]

Signed per Order, WM. WILKINS, Clerk.  
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