

been erected at night (as we imagine) and would have prevented the Damage; that there are no Shuttles to any of the Windows, nor Ceiling to the Dormants; by which we conceive the Prisoners have not only an Opportunity of being furnished with Tools to make their Escape, but likewise has occasioned the Damage that is done to the Goal; that the Pump and Well-Frame, in the Prison Yard, are quite rotten and useless; and the said Yard is kept so dirty, that it is nauseous and unwholesome to the Prisoners; that by Reason of the Iron Bars in the Chimneys, which were put to prevent the Prisoners from escaping that Way, and for want of Ladders, the Chimneys cannot be swept above the Grates; so that by the Foulness thereof, they have frequently taken fire and blazed out, as your Committee are informed, to the great Danger of the said Goal, and all the Buildings adjacent; that there is a Quantity of Indian Corn kept in the upper Room of the Prison, which occasions a great many Rats, and deprives the Prisoners of the Benefit of the said Room; which we apprehend to be the cleanest and best in the Prison. And we further take Leave to represent, That the Complaint of *Francis Woolf*, one of the Prisoners in the said Goal, is proved by some Witnesses, and contradicted by others, on due Examination; but upon the whole, we believe it to be the Effect of Drunk; All which is most humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, Wm. WILKINS, Clerk.

*The House adjourns 'til To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.*

FRIDAY Morning, June 12, 1747.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

On Consideration of the Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the State and Condition of the Public and County Goal, &c. The House concurs therewith.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill, to repair the Public and County Goal in the City of *Annapolis*.

Ordered, That the Journal of Accounts be closed on Wednesday next.

*The House adjourns 'til Two of the Clock.*

*Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

A Bill entituled, *An Act to remedy some Proceedings in the Court of Charles County, and to prevent the Removal of the Records from the Public Offices*, was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*The House adjourns 'til Tomorrow Morning 9 of the Clock.*

SATURDAY Morning, June 13, 1747.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

The Bill entituled, *An Act to remedy some Proceedings in the Court of Charles County, &c.* was read the second Time, and will pass; and was sent to the Upper House by Mess. *Smallwood* and *Harrison*.

*Philip Thomas*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of *William Barney*, of *Baltimore County*, referred by the Upper House to the Consideration of the Lower House; which Petition being here read, Col. *Daniel*, Dr. *Buchanan*, and Mr. *Pearce*, are appointed a Committee to enquire into the Allegations of the said Petition, and to make Report thereof.

Dr. *Buchanan*, from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Allegations contained in the Petition of *William Barney*, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report; viz.

By the Committee appointed by the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly, to enquire into the Truth of the Facts set forth in the Petition of *William Barney*; June 13, 1747.

YOUR Committee, upon Enquiry into the Facts aforesaid, do find a Deed of Bargain and Sale from *Morgan Murray* to *Mary Stevenson*, bearing Date the 15th Day of *January*, 1717, for the Moiety of a Tract of Land, called *Morgan's Delight*, containing 150 Acres; which Deed was acknowledged the same Day, before *Peter Bond*, and *John Israel*, said to be two of the Justices of *Baltimore County*, but not recorded.

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