

Thursday Morning, May 19, 1748.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

**Daniel Dulany**, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker sundry Petitions from *Dorchester, St Mary's, Kent,* and *Anne Arundel*, Counties, praying to have Warehouses erected in other Places than those mentioned in the Inspecting Law; severally Indorsed, " By the Upper House of Assembly, referred " to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly. "

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

*By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, May 19, 1748.*

Y Our Committee having the Representation hereunto annexed laid before them, by sundry the Inhabitants of *Prince George's County*, complaining, That in *November* last, at the Court of the said County, an Order of the said Court was made, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County the Sum of one hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco, by two Assessments, for Repairs of the Court house of said County, as by the said Order hereunto annexed appears: And, That likewise, in Pursuance of the said Order, or Rule of Court, the Inhabitants of the said County were taxed fifty one thousand nine hundred and forty-four Pounds of Tobacco, in the present Levy of the same County, as appears by the said Paper, under the Hand of the Clerk of the said County, and Seal thereof.

Thereupon, required such of the said Justices as were in Town to attend your Committee; and acquainting them of the Complaint and Representation aforesaid, for Answer said, That what was done was by Virtue of an Act of Assembly, and Custom of the Province in such Cases; and were very desirous to have the Matter heard before your Honourable House, that the Power given to Magistrates of County Courts by the said Law may be ascertained.

Your Committee therefore humbly submit the whole Matter to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, *Wm. Wilkins*, Cl.

The following Representation was annexed to the Report; *viz.*

*To the Honourable the Committee of Grievances*

The REPRESENTATION of sundry of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Prince George's County*,

*Humbly sheweth,*

T Hat the Justices of *Prince George's County* Court did, in *November* Court last, make one Order of Court, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County the Sum of 100,000 Pounds of Tobacco, to be paid at two several Assessments, to repair the Court House of the said County; which Order your Petitioners conceive is not warranted by Law, and apprehend may be of dangerous consequence to the Rights and Liberties of your Petitioners, and others the Freemen of said County: That in consequence of said Order, 51,944 Pounds of Tobacco has been actually assessed in the Levy laid in *November* Court aforesaid: That your Petitioners, and others the Inhabitants of the said County, finding themselves charged with their several Proportions of said Levy, did sometime last *February* give in a Remonstrance to Commissioners appointed by the said Court, to contract with Workmen to make the Repairs aforesaid; desiring by the said Remonstrance, that the said Commissioners would forbear to agree with any Workmen 'til the meeting of the Assembly, to whom your Petitioners purposed to

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