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Newport-Town, and confirming the Privileges granted by the former Act of the said Town; a Bill entituled, *An Act to prohibit the raising of Swine in Leonard's Town, in St. Mary's County;* and a Bill entituled, *An Act relating to that Part of King and Queen Parish, which lies in Charles County, and was lately severed by the Death of the Reverend Mr. John Donaldson;* were severally read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and will pass: Which several Bills were sent to the Upper House, with the Bill entituled, *An Act to enable the several and respective County Clerks, &c.* by Mr. Key and Mr. Tilghman.

The Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Prince George's County*, complaining against several Justices of the said County, was this Day heard, and Witnesses were examined on Oath at the Bar of this House, relating thereto; and whereas in the said Petition it is suggested, that a Magistrate, or some Magistrates, of that County had threatened the People there, with the Penalties contained in the Act concerning Riots, made in the first Year of the late King: And, upon Examination into the Truth of the said Allegation, it doth not appear that the Magistrate complained of in the said Petition, notwithstanding any Declaration he made concerning it, did attempt to injure the Liberties of the People by such Declaration. It is however unanimously *Resolved* by this House, that the said Act of Parliament is not in Force in this Province; and that if at any future Time any Magistrate or other Officer should or may threaten the People with the Penalties thereof, he will and ought to be deemed a Violator of, and an Enemy to, the Liberties of this free People.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.
Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Mackall and Mr. Lecompte appeared in the House.

Richard Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of *Prince George's County* and *Charles County*, relating to the building a Warehouse at *Piscataway*, at the Petitioners Expence, Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly." Which Petition was read here and rejected.

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