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The Representation and Petition of sundry the Freeholders, and others, residing on the North Side of *Elk River* in *Cecil County*, preferred to this House, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, was read. *Ordered*, That the said Petition be heard at the Bar of this House on Monday Sevensight next, and that the Petitioners, and all Parties concerned, do apply to the Clerk for Summons's for Witnesses.

The House adjourns until Tomorrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Saturday Morning, *May 27, 1749.*

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called over, and all appeared as yesterday, except Mr. *Harris*. The Proceedings were read.

On reading the Petition of *John Smith Prather*, the Question was put, Whether any Voter or Voters shall be objected to, on Complaint of undue Election or Return, that were not objected to at the Poll or Scrutiny at the Time of Election; or Not? *Resolved* in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE.

Messrs { Barnes,
Smith,
Richard Lloyd,
Wilmer,
Carroll,
Worthington,
Bordley,
J. J. Mackall,
Heighe,

B. Mackall,
B. Bond,
Smallwood,
Stoddert,
Lee,
Wilson,
R. J. Henry,
N. Goldsborough,
J. Goldsborough,

Robert Lloyd,
O'dham,
Sulivane,
Hooper,
Travers,
Pearce,
Bayard,
Baldwin,

Thompson,
Sheredine,
Paca,
Lux,
Wootton,
Addison,
Sprigg,
Murdock,

Tilghman,
Hopper,
Wilkinson,
Davis,
Selby,
Crabb,
Chaplain,
Owen.

For the AFFIRMATIVE.

Mess { Key,
Mills,
King,

Handy,
Waggaman,

Buchanan,
Gordon,

W. Dulany,
Robins,

Scarborough,
J. Henry.

Upon a further Reading the Petition of *John Smith Prather*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for *Frederick County*; *Resolved*, That the Merits of the said Election be heard at the Bar of this House, and that this House will proceed thereon on Wednesday the 7th Day of *June* next. *Ordered*, That the sitting Member and the Petitioner exchange Lists of the controverted Votes, and lodge them with the Clerk of this House, on or before Wednesday the 31st Day of *May* Instant; and that those Lists be confined to such Voters as were objected to on the Scrutiny at the Time of Election, and state the Objection against each Vote that they design to insist upon.

Resolved, That in all future Controversies before this House, concerning Elections or Returns of Members of this House, Lists of the controverted Votes shall be mutually exchanged between the sitting Member and the Person or Persons who shall complain, with the particular Objection which they intend to insist upon, set against the Name of each Person whose Vote they intend to dispute; and that such Lists shall be respectively confined to such Voters, as were objected to at the Time of their giving their respective Votes.

On motion of a Member, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to consider of Ways and Means, to raise a Fund, to be applied for the greater Encouragement of Learning within this Province;

Dr. Care