

had omitted to do: The Deputy Sheriff accordingly indented the same; and was ordered to withdraw.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wootton* and Capt. *Owen* do go to the Upper House with Mr. *John Smith Prather*, a Delegate for *Frederick* County, to see him qualified: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual manner. The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr Speaker a Petition of the Vestry, Churchwardens, and Parishioners of *King and Queen* Parish, in *St. Mary's* County; a Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of *Baltimore* County; and a Petition of several of the Inhabitants of *Frederick* County; severally Indorsed, " By the Upper House of Assembly, referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly." Which were ordered to lie on the Table.

On reading the Petition of *William Smallwood*, Prisoner in *Charles* County Goal, the Sheriff of *Charles* County was ordered to attend at the Bar of this House; and being heard in his Defence, was ordered to withdraw.

The House being of Opinion, that the Sheriff of *Charles* County ought to provide separate Rooms, wherein to keep the Prisoners for Debt committed to his Custody, apart from Felons;

Mr. Speaker is desired to acquaint him therewith: The Sheriff was called to the Bar of the House, and Mr. Speaker acquainted him with the Sense of the House; and that he was discharged from any further Attendance, on paying the several Fees due to the Clerk of the House and the Serjeant at Arms.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of *St. Mary's* County, in Behalf of themselves and others, Freeholders, Freemen, and Voters in the said County, according to an Order of the House, being to be heard this Day:

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Matters contained in the said Petition.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Col. *Hooper*; from the Committee of the whole House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report:

By a Committee of the whole House, *June 9, 1749.*

R *Resolved*, That this Committee do return to the House, and that Mr. Chairman report, that the Committee had proceeded to take under Consideration the Matter referred to them by the Honourable House; but not having had Time to compleat the same, prays Leave of the House to sit again, to proceed further on the said Affair.

On Consideration of the said Report, *Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Morrow Morning, to consider further on the Petition of the Inhabitants of *St. Mary's* County, &c.

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

Saturday