

The Bill intituled, *An Act to impower the Commissioners of Baltimore-Town, to make an Addition thereto of Thirty Two Acres of Land, &c.* was read the second Time and passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Govane, and Mr. Paca.

The following ingrossed Address, *viz.*

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor, and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your Excellency,

WE beg Leave to lay before your Excellency, the Copy of a Report, concurred to by this House, from the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, in Relation to Mr. *Thomas Muir*, the late Receiver of his Lordship's Quit Rents, in *Dorchester County*, who has greatly oppressed Mr. *Roger Hooper* of the same County, by taking from him a large Sum of Money, in a very illegal and oppressive Manner, as by an Account, and the Resolves of this House hereunto annexed, may appear; to which he has been heard at the Bar of this House. And, to the End that so Manifest an Oppression may not go unpunished; we intreat your Excellency, that you would be pleased to direct the Attorney General, to prosecute the said *Muir* for the Extortion aforesaid, whereby others may be deterred, for the Future, from committing the like evil Practices.

Was read and assented to, and signed, on Behalf of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Major *Barnes* and Mr. *Tilghman*, do acquaint his Excellency the Governor, that this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when, and where, he will please to receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified he would be ready to receive the Address, at Eleven of the Clock, in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smallwood*, and Four more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

Capt. *Gassarway*, from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts contained in *William Wells* and *Rebecca* his Wife, their Petition, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report.

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 Wells*, and *Rebecca* his Wife. *October 31, 1753.*

YOUR Committee find, That *William Marshall*, of *Prince George's County*, by his last Will and Testament, in Writing, bearing Date the 23^d of *April 1734*, did, amongst other Things therein contained, devise unto his two Daughters, *Sarah* and *Rebecca Marshall*, and the Heirs of their Body lawfully begotten, all that Tract of Land called *Charley*, except One Hundred Acres to his Son *Thomas Marshall*, and in Default of such Heirs of them, or either of them, then to his Son *Thomas*, and his Heirs for ever; whereby the said *Rebecca Marshall*, now Wife of the Petitioner *William Wells*, hath Right to One Hundred and Thirty Acres, Part of the said Tract of Land called *Charley*.

We find a Deed from *James Maxwell*, Son and Heir of *James Maxwell* of *Baltimore County*, to *Lucy Evans*, Executrix of *Lewis Evans*, of *Anne Arundel County*, for a Tract of Land, containing Two Hundred Acres, lying on the West Side of *Chesapeak-Bay*, and on the South Side of *Herring Creek*, bearing Date the 19th of *May, 1691*, duly executed, acknowledged and enrolled, which Land was patented to *William Parker*, September the 4th, 1666. as appears by a Recital in the said Deed, and sold by him the said *William Parker*, to *James Maxwell*, Father of the above mentioned *James Maxwell*, the First Day of *November, 1667*, as also appears by a Recital in the said Deed.

We also find a Deed of Gift, from *Lucy Evans*, to her two Daughters, *Elisabeth* and *Sarah Evans*, for the aforesaid Land, bearing Date the 7th Day of *September, 1691*, duly executed and enrolled, and afterwards recorded