

All which is submitted to the Consideration of both Houses of Assembly, this 20th Day of May, 1754.

Richard Lee,  
A. Barnes,  
Zachariah Bond,  
R. Harrison,  
W. Dulany,  
Arthur Lee.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

*Daniel Dulany*, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill intituled, *An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province*; and a Bill intituled, *An Act for the Continuance of the Provincial Court*; which Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill intituled, *An Act for the Continuance of the Provincial Court*; was read the second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass, and was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *W. Dulany*, and Capt. *Hopper*.

*The House adjourns till the morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

## Tuesday, May 21, 1754.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. *Bond* hath Leave of Absence from the House.

The Bill intituled, *An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts*; was read the second Time and will pass, and was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Smallwood*, and Mr. *Edmondson*.

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

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, May 21, 1754.

IT being represented to your Committee, that several Papists in *St. Mary's County* have made great Opposition to the enlisting Men for his Majesty's Service, in Order to march to the *Ohio*, to repel the Invasion of the *French* and *Indians* in Alliance with them, and offered many Insults to the recruiting Officer. as appears by a Copy of the Deposition of Serjeant *Willis*, *John Hamwood*, and *John Swallow*, as also a Copy of a Letter from Col. *Fry*, to the Rev. Mr. *Henry Addison*, hereunto annexed, both well attested.

Your Committee therefore humbly conceive, that such Conduct and Behaviour of the Papists, at this critical Juncture, join'd with their known Disaffection to his Majesty's Government, heretofore often manifested, requires the Consideration of your Honourable House, that some effectual Means may be used to secure this Part of his Majesty's Dominion, against our domestic as well as foreign Enemies: But is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, *William Wilkins*, Clerk.

MR. *John Willis*, Serjeant in the *Virginia Regiment*, being sworn on the Holy Evangelists, deposeth, That he had listed two Men, named *William Bullock* and *William Tub*, at the House of *William Harris*, near the *Cool-Spring* in *Maryland*; that the said *William Harris*, *Robert Harris*, and Others, first dissuaded the Recruits from going with the said Officer, and afterwards seized him by the Throat and took his Culsas from him to oblige him to discharge them, which he did, being over powered, and received back the enlisting Money; that *Gerard Jordan* drank the Pretender's Health, damned him that would not Pledge him, and Huzzaed for the *tarian Plad* and white Cockade; that he also sung several disloyal Songs, and was joined by *Joseph Broadway* and Others, that they damned King *George's Soldiers*, and said that they had no Business to fight for