

when the said Act was in Force, ought to be applied towards the purchasing of Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province.

A Petition of the Freeholders of *Baltimore County*, on Behalf of themselves and many others, free Voters of the County aforesaid, complaining of an undue Election of Delegates for the said County, was preferred to this House; and on Reading thereof, Ordered, That an Hearing on the said Petition be had at the Bar of this House on Wednesday next, being the 5th Day of *October*; and that the Sheriff of *Baltimore County* do attend this House on the said 5th Day of *October*, and bring with him the original Poll taken at the late Election of Delegates for the said County.

Ordered, That the Petitioners, and all Parties concerned, have Summonses for Witnesses in Relation to the said Petition, upon Application to the Clerk of this House for that Purpose.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

"GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

"I AM sorry to inform you, that as I was this Day at Dinner, your Serjeant came into my House and demanded to see my Secretary; and on my asking him, *Upon what Account?* He told me, *That he had Orders from your House to take him into Custody.* I could not help being at first much surprized at his Answer; but, recollecting that your Serjeant is but just appointed, and concluding that he must as yet be almost a Stranger to the Duty of his Office, I suppose he must have behaved in this Manner without any Orders for so doing: If that is the Case, I shall excuse him on the Consideration abovementioned; but if he acted in this Manner by any Order of your House, I can't but expect that the Reason of such an extraordinary Proceeding, without any previous Application, will be communicated to me.

HOR^o. SHARPE."

Which was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Richard Gresham, Hugh Wallis, Thomas Smyth, and James Ringgold*, complaining of an undue Election of Delegates for *Kent County*, was preferred to this House; and on Reading thereof, Ordered, That an Hearing on the said Petition be had at the Bar of this House on Friday next, being the 7th Day of *October*; and that the Sheriff of *Kent County* do attend this House on the said 7th Day of *October*, and bring with him the original Poll taken at the late Election of Delegates for the said County.

Ordered, That the Petitioners, and all Parties concerned, have Summonses for Witnesses in Relation to the said Petition, upon Application to the Clerk of this House for that Purpose.

Mr. *Murdock* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, Accounts relating to the Disposal of the Money raised by the Act, entituled, *An Act for Granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service; and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit; and Raising a Fund for sinking the same;* and by the Act, entituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service, and further Defence and Security of this Province;* and by the Act, entituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province;* and the several Books in which the said Accounts are kept.

Which were Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

SATURDAY, *October 1, 1757.*

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were Read.

Ordered, That the Petitioners, named in the Petition preferred to this House, complaining of an undue Election had for *Kent County* at the late Election, or such of the Petitioners as are now attending this House, do, by Five of the Clock this Evening, point out to the Sitting Members returned for the said County, such Voters as they object to as illegal Votes, given at the said Election.

The Order of the Day being Read; the House proceeded to take into Consideration the Petition of Mr. *Henry Woodward*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of a Delegate for the City of *Annapolis*; and after hearing Council at the Bar, on Behalf of the Petitioner, and of Dr. *George Stewart* the Sitting Member, Referred the Consideration thereof until the Afternoon.

The House adjourns for an Hour.

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