

CHARLES RIDGLEY, and others, on their PETITION.

To the Clerk, for Six Summonses, at 3 s.	- - - - -	£ 0 18 0
To the Serjeant, for serving the same, at 3 s.	- - - - -	0 18 0
To <i>William Andrews, John Davis, and Mrs. Taylor</i> , each for one Day's Attendance, as Witnesses, and Four Days itinerant Charges, at 17 s.	- - - - -	2 11 0
To <i>Henry Gaffaway</i> , for one Day's Attendance, as a Witness.	- - - - -	0 5 0

To be discharged in Dollars, at 7 s. 6 d.
 All which is submitted to the Hon. House. Signed per Order, HENRY WILKINS, Clk.

Which is read, and the House concurs therewith.

The House adjourns till II o'Clock.

POST MERIDIEM. The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Grahame* appeared in the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of the Poor, within the several Counties therein mentioned*: Read the second Time, and will pass.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to establish a Road from Hunting-Creek, in Dorchester, to Dover, in Talbot County*: Read the second Time, and will pass.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act confirming to Spedding Bromwell, of Talbot County, certain Lots of Land therein mentioned*: Read the second Time, and will pass.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, to enable the Visitors of Kent County School, for the Time being, to lease out Part of the Land belonging to the said School*: Read the second Time, and will pass. Which Bills were sent to the Upper House, by Mr. *Selby*, and Mr. *Thomas*.

Walter Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Recovery of certain Amerciaments, and also upon Defaults on Executions*, and the following Message:

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, JUNE 16, 1768.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Amendment you have proposed to the Bill, entitled, "*An Act for the Recovery of certain Amerciaments, and also upon Defaults on Executions*," we are apprehensive, might, if adopted, be productive of some Inconveniencies, and therefore, are desirous to have it passed into a Law, according to its original Frame.

A Sheriff, amerced to the Extent of a Bail-Bond, and compelled to pay that Sum, would, we apprehend, be entitled to recover it against the Defendant, and his Sureties; but we do not perceive, if a new Writ should be issued against the Defendant, before the Sheriff's Receipt from the Debtor, how the original Plaintiff would be hindered from recovering, at Law, the whole Debt due on his Contract; and, if any Method could be fallen upon, by which the Defendant might entitle himself to Credit for the Sum of the forfeited Bond, yet, if the Plaintiff's Demand should be in Money, Sterling or Current, in as much as the Worth of Tobacco is fluctuating, and the comparative Value, between that Commodity and Money, is not established, it might frequently be a Question, at what Sum, in Money, the Tobacco ought to be extended in the Credit, and a Plaintiff might be compelled to accept a Satisfaction, not only variant from his Contract, but inconvenient to him to dispose of, in order to raise his Money. Under the Statute for the Amendment of the Law, and the Practice thereon, when an assign'd Bond is put in Suit, the Defendant, on Payment of the Costs, is, we understand, admitted to appear and plead to the original Action: But of this Relief he might be deprived, in many Instances, by the Plaintiff's chusing to proceed to an Amerciament of the Sheriff, rather than to take an Assignment of the Bail-Bond, and the Sheriff being thereby driven to seek a Satisfaction against the Principal, and his Sureties. We also suspect, that it might soon become the Practice, to proceed to an Amerciament of the Sheriff, and leave him to put in Suit the Bail-Bonds, because the Sum might be more easily obtained from the Sheriff, on an Amerciament, than on a Suit upon this kind of Bond, which might frequently bring great Hardships upon that Officer, without any Default or Misbehaviour, on his Part, by obliging him to advance, to the Extent of the Bail-Bond, upon the Amerciament, and wait for the Reimbursement, 'til he should be able to compel a Satisfaction from the Obligor, and his Sureties.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

Mr. *Johnson* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message:

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, June 16, 1768.

May it please your HONOURS,

IN Answer to your Message of this Day, with the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Recovery of certain Amerciaments, and also upon Defaults on Executions*; we agree to the Passage of that Bill, according to its original Frame; tho', with the Amendment we proposed, the Bill would, in our Opinion, have been more perfect. Signed by Order, T. WRIGHT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

The Message sent to the Upper House, by Mr. *Wilson*, and Mr. *Buchanan*.

The Petition of *Mary Philpot*, read the second Time, and granted. Leave given to bring in a Bill according to Prayer. The