

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, October 6, 1770.

May it please your HONOURS,

IT was intimated to us at the last Session, that a Petition or Remonstrance was then preferred to your Honours, by some of the principal Inhabitants in and about *Baltimore-Town*, expressed in Terms highly reflecting upon the Proceedings of this House, in passing a Bill, entitled, *An Act for appointing Places for holding the next Election of Delegates for Baltimore County*.

This Matter did not pass unnoticed, but the severe Season of the Year obliged us to postpone every Thing not absolutely necessary to be done, and therefore it was referred to this Session; and we now desire your Honours will be pleased to order to be laid before us the said Petition or Remonstrance, that we may proceed to take such Measures as we may judge necessary for the Support of the Rights and Privileges of this House.

Signed by Order,

JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which was read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *John Hall* and Mr. *Tilghman*.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Message.

ORDERED, That the Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into further Consideration the Regulation of Officers Fees, be now read; and the said Order being read accordingly, the House resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Worthington* reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress therein, and prayed that they might have Leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will, at the Meeting of the House on Monday Morning next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into further Consideration the Regulation of Officers Fees.

*John Ridout*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Petition of *Bartholmew Pomeroy*, of the City of *London*, Merchant, Survivor of *William Tower* and *Joseph Janjen*, late of *London*, Merchants, deceased, praying an Act of Assembly may pass, to remedy the Defect in his Title to a Tract of Land, called *Rencher's Adventure*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, 6th of October 1770: Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

*William Hayward*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, 6th of October 1770.

GENTLEMEN,

ON the Receipt of your Message of this Day, we turned to our Journals, and find therein the following Entries: "Tuesday Morning, 5th December 1769. Read a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of *Baltimore County*, praying that this House will not pass a Bill now laying before them, entitled, *An Act for appointing Places for holding the next Election of Delegates for Baltimore County*."

"RESOLVED, That this House will proceed to take into Consideration the Merits of the said Petition on a Second Reading of the Bill, on Friday the 8th Instant.

"ORDERED, That the Clerk of this House give the Parties concerned Notice thereof, that they may attend by Counsel if they desire it.

"Friday 8th December 1769. Read agreeable to the Order of the Day, the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of *Baltimore County*, against the Passage of a Bill laying before this House, entitled, *An Act for appointing Places for holding the next Election of Delegates in Baltimore County*; and on hearing the Allegations of the Counsel for and against the Petition, it is ordered, that the same be rejected."

The Petition abovementioned has not been transcribed at large into our Journals or Proceedings, and the Original, on its being rejected, was withdrawn by the Parties on their Application, according to the Usage of this House. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till Monday Morning VIII o'Clock.

M O N D A Y, October 8, 1770.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all appeared as on Saturday, except Mr. *Dashiell*, Mr. *Gresham*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Dickenson*, Mr. *Gantt*, and Mr. *Key*. The Proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. *Beall* and Mr. *Smallwood* are added to the Committee appointed to examine into the Facts set forth in the Petition of *John Heard* of *St. Mary's County*.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill for the Trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *Tilghman*, Mr. *N. Thomas*, Mr. *Goldborough*, and Mr. *Allen*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. *Allen* added to the Committee appointed to bring in the Bill for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Regulation of Officers Fees.

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