

simple Contract Claims aforesaid still remain unpaid: That the said *Richard Heard* died seized and possessed of the several Lands set forth: That *James Heard*, the Heir at Law of the said *Richard Heard*, is an Infant, about the Age of Seven Years, as we are informed, and believe to be true: That a Paper hath been produced to us, purporting a Desire of the said *Richard Heard*, that so much of his Estate should be sold at publick Sale as would be sufficient to pay all his just Debts, but no Evidence hath been offered to establish the same.

Signed per Order,

RALPH DOBINSON, Clk.

Which was read a First and Second Time, and the Petition was granted.

Leave given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of the Petition.

Mr. *Gresham* appeared in the House.

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 further Progress therein, and prayed they might have Leave to sit again.

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

George Steuart, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Petitions, viz.

The Petition of the subscribing Inhabitants of *Baltimore County*, which was referred, by the Upper House last Session, for Consideration this Session of Assembly, praying that a Bill might pass, similar to the Act pass the then last Session of Assembly, for the Relief of the Poor in that County; also praying that a Sum of Money, not less than Three Thousand Pounds Current Money, might be appropriated for the Purpose of building and erecting an Alms and Work-House in the said County; and also, praying that the said Sum might be paid and advanced by the Commissioners, out of the Monies to be emitted by the Bill then under Consideration; and also, that the said Money might be repaid to the Publick by the County; thus endorsed: "December 12, 1769: Read and referred to the next Session of Assembly.

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

And thus: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 9, 1770: Read and referred to the Consideration of next Session of Assembly.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

A Petition of *Thomas Hamilton* of *Prince-George's County*, setting forth, that he has no Outlet from his Dwelling-House to any publick Road, and praying an Act may pass, empowering some reputable Persons in the Neighbourhood to open proper Passages from his Dwelling-House to the publick Way.

And a Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Stepney*, partly in *Somerset* and partly in *Worcester County*, praying an Act may pass, to enable the Vetry of the said Parish to build a House that may be sufficient to receive, with Conveniency, the People who reside in the upper End of the Parish; as also, to purchase a Piece of Ground, somewhere at or near *Broad-Creek Bridge*, for the Building aforesaid, and that the Sum of Eighty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco be levied on the Inhabitants aforesaid, to be paid by them at Two equal Assessments, for the Purpose aforesaid. Severally endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 9, 1770: Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

The Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the subject Matter of the Report from the Committee appointed to inspect into the State and Condition of the several publick Offices, being read, ORDERED, That the same be taken into Consideration on Tuesday the 16th Instant.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning VIII o'Clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, October 10, 1770.

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

The Petition of *Thomas Hamilton*, and the Petition of *Stepney Parish*, severally read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Key* and Mr. *Gantt* appeared in the House.

Mr. *Ringgold* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of *John Clayton*, praying that an Act may pass to give him the exclusive Right of making a Machine for threshing Wheat. Which was read a First and Second Time.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, to the House.

And Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *N. Thomas*, Mr. *Purnell*, Mr. *Gilpin*, Mr. *Noel*, Mr. *Luckett*, Mr. *Worthington*, Mr. *J. Paca*, Mr. *Gale*, Mr. *Ware*, Mr. *Wright*, Mr. *Key*, Mr. *J. Hall*, Mr. *Tyler*, and Mr. *Parran*, are appointed the said Committee.

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