

By the COMMITTEE appointed to examine into the Truth of the several Facts set forth in the Petition of Bartholomew Pomeroy of London, Merchant.

YOUR Committee, in Obedience to the Order of the honourable House, have examined the several Facts set forth in the said Petition, and do find the same to be true; that is to say, that *John Brooke*, the Obligor in the said Petition named, did, on the Twenty-sixth Day of *January* Seventeen Hundred and Forty-three-four, pass and execute his Bond to *Thomas Hodgkin*, deceased, in the said Petition mentioned, in the Penalty of One Hundred Pounds Sterling, conditioned for the conveying and assuring to the said *Thomas Hodgkin*, his Heirs and Assigns, before the Tenth Day of *August* Seventeen Hundred and Forty-six, One Tract or Parcel of Land, being Part of a Tract of Land, called *Rencher's Adventure*, lying and being in *Prince-George's* County, and contained within the Metes and Bounds, Courses and Distances in the said Petition contained and specified: That the said *Thomas Hodgkin*, on the said Twenty-sixth Day of *January* Seventeen Hundred and Forty-three-four, past his Bond to the said *John Brooke*, in the Penalty of One Hundred Pounds Sterling Money, conditioned for the Payment of Fifty Pounds Sterling, at Four Payments, by the said Tenth Day of *August* Seventeen Hundred and Forty-six, in Consideration of the said Tract of Land so to be conveyed by the said *John Brooke* to the said *Thomas Hodgkin*, as aforesaid: That the said Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling hath been paid on the Bond last aforesaid, by the said *Thomas Hodgkin* to the said *John Brooke* and his legal Representatives: That the said *Thomas Hodgkin* afterwards; that is to say, on the Twenty-ninth Day of *March* Seventeen Hundred and Fifty-four, did mortgage the said Parcel of Land, called *Rencher's Adventure* (amongst other Things) to the said *Bartholomew Pomeroy* and certain *William Tower* and *Joseph Jansen*, as Assignees of *John Hutchinson* and *John Philpot*, Merchants, for the Consideration in the said Petition set forth; the said Mortgage to be void, on Payment of the said Consideration and Interest, on or before the Tenth Day of *April* Seventeen Hundred and Fifty-five.: That the said *John Brooke* is dead, leaving Issue *John Brooke*, his eldest Son and Heir, and that the said *John Brooke*, the Son, is dead, leaving Issue an Infant of very tender Years, (to wit. *John Brooke*, aged about Six Years) his Heir at Law: That the said *William Tower* and *Joseph Jansen* are dead: That no Conveyance hath been made by the said *John Brooke*, or his Heirs, in pursuance of the Bond aforesaid: That the said Parcel of Land was in the Possession of the said *Thomas Hodgkin* for many Years before, and at the Time of his Death; and that after his Death, *Brian Philpot*, Attorney in Fact for the said Mortgagees, entered upon the said Parcel of Land, and took Possession of the same for them, and on their Behalf, and that the said Mortgagees, and the Petitioner, surviving Mortgagee, under that Entry and Possession, have kept and held the said Parcel of Land, without any Interruption by Persons claiming or pretending Title to the same: That the Sum of Three Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings and One Penny Sterling Money (as appears from the Petitioner's shewing) is now due on the said Mortgage, exclusive of Interest.

Signed per Order,

RALPH DOBINSON, Clk.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition relative to *Dorchester* County Court House, read a Second Time and granted.

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

ORDERED, That *Mr. Sullivan*, *Mr. Steele*, *Mr. Mackall*, *Mr. W. Pasa*, and *Mr. Gale*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Stepney* Parish, read a Second Time and granted.

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

ORDERED, That *Mr. Allen*, *Mr. Bunnell*, *Mr. Gale*, and *Mr. J. D. Smith*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Petition of *Bartholomew Pomeroy* read the Second Time and granted, with the following Restriction: "Saving to *John Brooke*, the Infant, the Liberty and Privilege of shewing Cause, if any he hath or can shew, to the General Assembly of this Province, at any Time within Six Months after he arrives to the Age of Twenty-one Years, or at the next General Assembly after that Time, why the said Bond, so as aforesaid passed and executed by the said *John Brooke*, the Obligor to the said *Thomas Hodgkin*, ought not to have been specifically performed; and upon such Cause shewn, to the satisfaction of the said General Assembly, that then the said Act shall be totally repealed and made void."

Leave given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill agreeable thereto.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill to impose a further Duty on Negroes imported into this Province, and for the better Support of County Schools.

ORDERED, That *Mr. Ringgold*, *Mr. Chase*, *Mr. Allen*, *Mr. W. Pasa*, and *Mr. Tilghman*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province.

ORDERED, That *Mr. Chase*, *Mr. Dickenson*, *Mr. Tilghman*, *Mr. Ringgold*, *Mr. W. Pasa*, and *Mr. J. Hall*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill for raising Pence Sterling on every Hog-head of Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Support of an Agent at London, for the Service of this Province.

ORDERED, That *Mr. Tilghman*, *Mr. Ringgold*, *Mr. Chase*, and *Mr. J. Hall*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for Trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise*, read a Second Time, and the Question was put, That the said Bill do pass? Resolved in the Affirmative.