

the said *William Cumming* the elder lived on said Lots for some Time after his Death, and then removed into the Country, leaving the said Houses in the Occupation of *Simon Duff*. That about the Time in said Petition mentioned, a Part of his Majesty's Forces were quartered in said Houses, which had got somewhat out of Repair before their Entry, and continued there some considerable Time, and at their Departure left the Premises in a ruinous and shattered Condition, as alleged in said Petition. That the said Lots and Houses have been since taken in Execution, appraised and sold, to satisfy the Judgments, or some of them, obtained against the said *William Cumming* the elder in his Life-time. That the Petitioner, *Alexander Cumming*, is eldest Son and Heir at Law of the said *William Cumming*: And also in the Year 1769 hath obtained a Deed of Bargain and Sale and Release from *William Cumming* the younger, for all the Lands contained in said Deed of Trust, and amongst others the Lots and Houses abovementioned. All which is submitted to the Consideration of the honourable House.

Signed per Order,

JOHN JOHNSON, Cl. Com.

The Petition of *Alexander Cumming* was read a Second Time and rejected; it appearing by the above Report, that there were Creditors of the said Petitioner's Father, who do not appear to this House to have been satisfied for their Debts.

Mr. *Allen* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the Truth of the Facts contained in the Petition of *Thomas Lightfoot*, *William Lightfoot*, *Abraham Mitchell*, *Walter Franklin*, and *Samuel Franklin*.

IN Obedience to the Order of the honourable House, your Committee have enquired into the Facts contained in said Petition, and do find that, on or about the Time therein mentioned, *Thomas Collier*, late of *Worcester County*, for a valuable Consideration to him paid, bargained, sold and conveyed the said several Tracts of Land to the Petitioners and their Heirs, to hold to them, their Heirs and Assigns, in common. That the said Deed or Conveyance was acknowledged before Two Magistrates of *Worcester County*. That the Possession of the Lands aforesaid passed to the Bargainees, in Pursuance of the Deed, who have made many valuable Improvements thereon. That the Lands aforesaid lie to the Eastward of the Line lately drawn to divide the Province of *Maryland* from *Pennsylvania*. That the Deed aforesaid does not appear to your Committee ever to have been recorded. That the said *Thomas Collier* hath since removed out of this Province into *Carolina*. That no good Reason appears to your Committee, why the said Deed was not recorded, other than what is alleged by the Petitioners. All which is submitted to the Consideration of the honourable House.

Signed per Order,

THOMAS BROOKE HODGKIN, Cl. Com.

The Petition of *Thomas Lightfoot* and others was read a Second Time and granted. Leave given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide St. George's Parish in Baltimore County*, read a Second Time, and will pass. Sent to the Upper House by Mr. *J. Paca* and Mr. *Deye*.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Bill.

Mr. *Beall*, from the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report:

By the COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE, November 10, 1770.

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, That on the Complaint of a certain *Job Garretson* of *Baltimore County*, against *Daniel Chamier*, Sheriff, for an illegal Distress made on the Effects of the said *Garretson*, by *Moses Galloway* and *John Ross*, Deputy Sheriffs under said *Chamier*, on the 24th of *October* last, when said *Garretson* and his Wife were from Home, for Fees and publick Dues. They have examined the said Complainant, his Papers, and also taken the Depositions of *Alexander Madewell* and *James Madewell*, which are hereunto annexed, together with an Advertisement for Sale of the aforesaid Effects, the 31st of *October*, and do find that the said Distress was made on the 24th Day of *October* last, after the Expiration of the late Inspection Law: That the said Effects were on the same Day taken from the Dwelling of said *Garretson*, and have since continued out of his Possession, although a Tender was made of the Money the said *Garretson* was advised he was justly indebted to the aforesaid *Daniel Chamier*, as Sheriff of *Baltimore County*, before the Day advertised for Sale of the Effects distrained: That the said Sheriff appears to have executed for Sheriffs Fees due himself, great Part of which arise from a Charge of *per Diem* Fees, on Two Executions against said *Garretson*, who alleges he was never confined, or had Victuals found him by said Sheriff. Your Committee conceive these Proceedings to be illegal, oppressive, and not warranted by Law, but humbly submit the same to the Consideration of the honourable House.

Signed by Order,

RALPH DOBINSON, Cl.

ORDERED, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, do forthwith take into his Custody, the Body of *Daniel Chamier*, Sheriff of *Baltimore County*, and *Moses Galloway* and *John Ross*, his Deputies, and have them immediately at the Bar of this House, to answer to the Complaint of *Job Garretson* of *Baltimore County*, for an illegal and outrageous Distress made on his Effects, under Colour of the Office of Sheriff, reported to this House by the Committee of Grievances.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of this House do issue Subpœnas for all such Witnesses as may be applied for by *Job Garretson*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to establish a Market in Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, and for the Regulation of the said Market*, read the Second Time and will pass. Sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Heugh* and Mr. *Wootton*.
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