

A Petition of *Joseph Hobbs*, of *Anne-Arundel County*, setting forth, that, for the Term of 16 or 18 Years past, he had a free and undeniable Road, leading from his House to a Chapel, called *Poplar Spring Chapel*, and which Road he has always made Use of as a Chapel and Church Road, a Mill Road and a Market Road: That some Time last Spring, one *Levin Lawrence* deprived him of Access through said Road, by staking up the Gates thereon, and forewarning him coming that Way after: That since that Time he has been obliged to make Use of a Road to go to the above mentioned Places, which is near or quite unpassable at Times, and about a Mile further in Three Miles than usual, which he finds extremely inconvenient to him: That there does not more than Two Hundred Yards of the said Road run through the Land of the said *Levin Lawrence*; which Two Hundred Yards the Petitioner hath always kept in Repair, and still is willing to continue so to do, provided the House will empower him to keep the said Road open.

And, a Petition of the Trustees of the Poor in *Frederick County*, setting forth, that by the Power invested them by the Act of Assembly for the Relief of the Poor in the several Counties therein mentioned, they did purchase Ground, whereon were erected sundry Buildings, which they apprehended would have answered the Purposes intended by the said Act: That after the said Purchase, having Conveniencies for the Reception of the Poor, they were in Doubt whether the Law entitled the Trustees to admit them until Three Years expired, and applied to the then Members for the said County, for an Act that the Poor might be received immediately: That in Consequence of such Application, a Supplementary Law passed 1st Sessions, and the Poor and sundry Vagrants were received; but the Sessions breaking up late, the Law could not by the Trustees be procured; by which Means nothing was levied for the Support of the Poor: That since the House has been opened, and the Poor received, the Buildings are found inadequate to the Conveniencies necessary for the Poor of each Sex: That they thought it expedient to erect a large Building with suitable Conveniencies, which they contracted for under the Sanction of the First Law: That lessening the Taxation of the Supplementary Law, and not having a Copy of the Bill to support the Magistrates levying the Tax, they are likely to suffer, and therefore praying, that Act may pass to levy on the Inhabitants, the proceeding Year, a double Tax, to enable them to comply with their Contract with the Workmen; were severally read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of the Vestry and Churchwardens of *St. Luke's Parish*, in *Queen Anne's County*, was read a Second Time and referred for Consideration on Thursday next.

ORDERED, That *Mr. Hall*, *Mr. S. Wright*, *Mr. Tyler*, *Mr. Dennis*, and *Mr. Handy*, be added to the Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of *Robert Horner*, and the counter Petition thereto; and that *Mr. Johnson* and *Mr. Grahame* be discharged therefrom.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, October 30th, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. Hammond, *Mr. Parran*, *Mr. Gresham*, *Mr. Chamberlaine*, *Mr. Contee*, and *Mr. Ennalls*, appeared in the House.

The House being informed, that *Mr. Robert Buchanan*, a Delegate returned for *Kent County* was attending at the Door; ORDERED, That *Mr. Gresham* and *Mr. Rumsey* do go with that Gentleman to the Upper House to see him qualified.

They return, and acquaint *Mr. Speaker* they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

The Petition of *Ambrose Lawrence*, read a Second Time and rejected.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Security of Purchasers and others, being Protestants, claiming by or from Aliens; and that *Mr. Wootton*, *Mr. Deye*, and *Mr. Hammond*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Flour, Staves and Shingles, not merchantable, from the Town of Baltimore, or Fell's-Point, in Baltimore County, and to regulate the Weight of Hay and Measure of Grain, Salt, Flax-seed and Fire-wood within the said Town*, read a Second Time and committed.

William Hayward, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to *Mr. Speaker*, a Petition of the Inhabitants of *St. Paul's Parish*, in *Baltimore County*, setting forth, that the Church at *Baltimore-Town*, in the said Parish, is so very small, that it is entirely unfit to accommodate the Paritioners in Time of Divine Service, and is very ancient and decayed, which renders it not worth repairing; and therefore praying, an Act of Assembly, empowering and requiring the Justices of *Baltimore County Court*, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, by Two equal Assessments, a Sum not exceeding Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, to be paid to the Vestrymen of the said Parish, and by them applied towards building a new Church at *Baltimore-Town* aforesaid: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

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