

ORDERED, That Mr. Beall and Mr. Tilghman do tax the Fees arising due on the said Petition. Mr. Beall brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report :

By the COMMITTEE appointed to tax the Fees and Allowances arising due to the Officers of this House, and Evidences attending the Petition of Gilbert Barrow.

YOUR Committee have proceeded to tax the Fees and Allowances on the above Petition as follows.

To the Clerk for Copy of Petition and Order,	-	-	£. 0	6	6
To ditto for issuing Two Subpoenas, at 3 s.	-	-	0	6	0
To the Serjeant for serving the same,	-	-	0	6	0
To John Loveday and Richard Johns, for Two Days Attendance, and Six Days itinerant Charges each, from Talbot County, at 5 s.	-	-	4	0	0
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			£. 4	18	6

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed per Order,

THOMAS B. HODGKIN, Cl. Com.

The House agrees with the Report.

Daniel of St. Thomas Fenifer, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of certain Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned*; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 8th, 1771: Read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

"By the Upper House of Assembly, November 9th, 1771: Read the Second Time and will pass with the Amendments annexed.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

After the Words "*Zachariah Wade*," in the 9th Line of the 1st Page, insert the Words "*James Steward*." After the Word "aforesaid" in the last Line of the 6th Page, add the following Clause, viz.

"And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of the Persons intended to be relieved by this Act are, and shall be of sufficient Ability of Body to labour, such Person or Persons, not having a Wife or Family, shall be, and are hereby obliged to serve for a Time not exceeding Five Years, to any Person or Persons, who are or shall be inclined to purchase the Time of Servitude of such Debtor or Debtors, and that the respective Sheriffs, in whose Custody the aforesaid Debtors or any of them are, be and are hereby authorized and obliged to summon Two Justices of the Peace, in the respective Counties, at the Request of the said Prisoners, as soon as conveniently may be after the End of this Session of Assembly, and after giving Five Days Notice at the Court-Houses of the respective Counties, of the intended Sale of such Debtor or Debtors, expose to Sale, in the Presence of the said Justices, such Debtor or Debtors, and the Time of his or their Servitude to the highest Bidder; and the Money arising from such Sale shall be as Effects of such Debtor or Debtors, in the Hands of the respective Sheriffs, subject as aforesaid to a Distribution in Manner aforesaid; and the Sale and Service of such Debtor or Debtors as aforesaid is hereby directed to be taken as a full and sufficient Acquittal and Discharge against all Debts due from such Debtor or Debtors before such Sale. Provided, that in Case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the said Justices, that any of the said Debtors have offered, since their Confinement, to make Satisfaction to their Creditors by Servitude, and that their Creditors have refused to accept the same, that the Time such Debtors have been confined in Prison shall be deemed and taken as Part of the aforesaid Five Years, and that they shall be obliged to serve only for such Time as will compleat Five Years from the Day of such Offer of Servitude; and that in Case any such single Persons as aforesaid have been confined in Prison for Five Years, or any longer Time, that the said Persons so confined shall be discharged upon the same Terms and in the same Manner that Persons having Families are by this Act directed to be discharged." Which was read, and the Amendments proposed were read and agreed to, and the Bill passed for engrossing.

And, a Petition of the Rector, Churchwardens, Vestrymen and others, Inhabitants of *Saint John's* (commonly called *King George's*) Parish, lying partly in *Prince George's*, and partly in *Charles County*, setting forth, That there are Repairs wanted to the Lower Chapel in the said Parish, and a Vestry-room to be built. That an Enlargement of the Upper Chapel hath likewise become necessary; and therefore praying that an Act may pass, enabling the Justices of *Prince George's* and *Charles Counties*, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of that Parish, the Sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds common Money, for the Purposes aforesaid.

Mr. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, to pay to William Mills, John Peacock, Peter Payne, Executor of Ralph Price, and Anne Gaither, the Sums of Money therein mentioned*: Which was read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. N. Thomas and Mr. Moale.

The Order of the Day being read, the House took into Consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Baltimore County*, the Petition of the Inhabitants of *York County*, and the Petition of *Nathaniel Giles*.

On the Prayer of the Petitioners they have Leave to be heard at the Bar by their Counsel.— The House having spent some Time therein, referred the further Consideration thereof till Tomorrow Morning.

Benedict