

Which were severally read here and passed for ingrossing. And a Petition of *Lazarus Pumphrey* of *Anne-Arundel* County, thus indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, April 12, 1774: Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

"Signed by Order,

JAMES BROOKS, Cl. Up. Ho."

The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The House met. Mr. *Contee* appeared in the House.

The Petition of *Lazarus Pumphrey* was read. ORDERED, That the same 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. *Worthington*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Chase*, Mr. *J. Hall*, and Mr. *Hammond*, are appointed a Committee accordingly, and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

Mr. *Tyler* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act to preserve the Independence of the Members of the Lower House of Assembly*. Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court*, was read throughout; and the Question was put, that the said Bill do pass? Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the		A F F I R M A T I V E.				
Messieurs	Bond,	Lyles,	Tolly,	Contee,	Purnell,	
	Key,	Somervell,	Deye,	Beall,	Robins,	
	Barnes,	Parran,	Ridgely Son of	Earle,	Griffith,	
	Reeder,	Weems,	John,	So. Wright,	Funk,	
	Maxwell,	Hawkins,	Chamberlaine,	Veazy,	Beatty,	
	Ringgold,	Waters,	Thomas,	Hyland,	Bond Son of Tho ^s ,	
	Worthington,	J. Ennalls,	Tyler,	Gilpin,	Dallam,	
	J. Hall,	Steele,	Sim,	Ward,	Love.	
	Hammond,	Ridgely,				

For the		N E G A T I V E.		
Mess. Johnson,	Chase,	Paca,	T. Wright.	

The said Bill was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *J. Hall* and Mr. *Earle*.

The Order of the Day, for taking into Consideration the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of *Saint Mary's*, *Charles*, *Calvert*, and *Prince-George's* Counties, which was referred from the 21st of *March* last to this Day, being read, the Question was put, that the said Petition be granted, so far as to unite the said Schools of *Saint Mary's*, *Charles*, and *Prince-George's*? Resolved in the Affirmative. ORDERED, That Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Key*, Mr. *Barnes*, Mr. *Reeder*, Mr. *Beall*, Mr. *Tyler*, Mr. *Sim*, Mr. *Contee*, Mr. *Hawkins*, and Mr. *Johnson*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

Mr. *Reeder* hath Leave of Absence.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, April 13, 1774.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday except Mr. *Ennalls*, Mr. *Smallwood*, and Mr. *Reeder*. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of *Lazarus Pumphrey*.

YOUR Committee, in Pursuance of the Order of the honourable House, have enquired into the Facts contained in the said Petition, and do find them to be true.

Signed by Order,

BENJAMIN FORD, Cl. Com.

Which was read. And the Petition of *Lazarus Pumphrey* was read and granted, and Leave given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer thereof.

Mr. *Robins* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Coventry Parish in said Counties, the Quantity of Thirty-two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned*. Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, ORDERED; That Mr. *Ridgely*, Mr. *Deye*, Mr. *Tolly*, Mr. *Ridgely* Son of *John*, Mr. *J. Hall*, Mr. *Sim*, and Mr. *So. Wright*, be a Committee to enquire into the Expenditure of the Money granted for building a Court-House and Prison in the Town of *Baltimore* in *Baltimore* County, and make Report thereof to the House.

The Order of the Day, for taking into Consideration the Variation of the Compass, &c. being read, the same is referred for Consideration till next Session of Assembly.

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