

Your committee further find, by a letter from James Russell to Dr. Leonard Hollyday, bearing date the 30th of December, 1771, that Lancelot Lee aforesaid died in Bengal, and that his effects were delivered to the said James Russell's relations in Bengal.

Your committee are of opinion, that the said lands were conveyed to the said James Russell, as a security for a debt of three hundred and seventy-five pounds sterling, due from Lancelot Lee to the said James Russell; and your committee are further of opinion, that the effects so delivered, together with the rents of the lands aforesaid, were sufficient to discharge the debt and interest aforesaid.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Handy, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of sundry the inhabitants of Worcester county, relative to the causeway that leads through Pocomoke swamp to Snow-hill-town, beg leave to report, that they have taken the said petition into their consideration, and are of opinion, that the facts set forth therein are true, and that the keeping of said causeway in repair by a few individuals is grievous and buthensome; and that as the keeping of the causeway aforesaid in proper repair is of public utility, your committee are of opinion, that the same should also be a public charge, and that an act should pass for that purpose agreeable to the prayer of the petitioners. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Joseph Dashiell, Mr. Handy, and Mr. Thomas, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

The house proceeded to take into consideration the order of the day, which being read, ORDERED, That William Faris, Thomas Price, John Stewart, Aquila Paca, and Samuel Green, be directed to attend this house immediately, as witnesses, to give evidence in the case of Mr. James Williams, accused of insulting and beating Mr. Wilson, a member of this house.

Robert Goldsborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, MAY 13, 1782.

GENTLEMEN,

WE accede to the proposal contained in your message of this day by Messieurs Hindman and Sherwood, and have appointed Thomas Stone, Robert Goldsborough, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, John Henry, and Richard Barnes, Esquires, to confer with such gentlemen as you may nominate in the several matters mentioned in your message. We are as desirous as you can be to shorten the session, and we shall give every assistance in our power to expedite the public business.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, the question was put on the following: After hearing the evidence of Mr. Wilson, a member of this house, and the evidence of sundry witnesses sworn and examined at the bar of the house, RESOLVED, That Mr. James Williams is not guilty of a breach of privilege of this house.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Williams be discharged from any further attendance on this house. Carried unanimously in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Howard appeared in the house.

The message from the senate of this day by Robert Goldsborough, Esq; was read the second time, and the following message, in answer thereto, was prepared:

BY THE HOUSE of DELEGATES, MAY 13, 1782.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed Messieurs Chase, Hall, B. T. B. Worthington, Thomas, M'Mechen, Stone, Forrest, Joseph Dashiell, and Lloyd, conferees to meet the conferees mentioned in your message of this day by Robert Goldsborough, Esq; upon the subject matter contained in our message.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and sent to the senate by Mr. Mills and Mr. King.

Mr. Eccleston has leave of absence.

ORDERED, That the petition of doctor Ephraim Howard, and the counter petitions thereto, referred from the last to the present session, be referred for consideration to the tenth day of next session.

ORDERED,