

Ordered, That Mr. Carroll being made acquainted with the Resolutions of the House aforesaid, answereth that he had no Intention to give offence by his Petition, that in his Opinion the Facts therein stated were true, and could not see that the Expressions therein were in any manner reflecting on the Honour and Dignity of the House of Delegates, or in Contempt of the Authority of the same, and that he had nothing further to say in answer whereupon Mr. Carroll being ordered to withdraw from the Bar, and the House taking into Consideration his Answer aforesaid, Resolved, That the said Charles Carroll be called to the Bar of this House, to acknowledge and confess his fault in presenting a frivolous and abusive Petition, tending to reflect on the Honour and Dignity of this House, and in Contempt of the authority thereof. Mr. Carroll being again ordered to the Bar, and acquainted with the said Resolution, by having the same read to him by the Clerk made his Acknowledgment accordingly, and whereupon ordered, That he be discharged on paying fees.

The House adjourns till Monday morning 9 O'Clock

Monday, March 15th 1779

The House met. All present as on Saturday, except Mr. Ford, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Marshall. The Proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. John Marshall, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Stevenson appeared in the House.

A Petition of Robert Taylor, a Petition of William Baker, and a Petition of Harry Taylor, all of Saint Mary's County were presented and read, and referred to Committee No. 1. Mr. Thomas added to Committee No. 1, Mr. John Marshall to No. 2, and Mr. Stevenson to No. 3.

Mr. Brown brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Truth of the facts stated in the Petition of William and Arthur Bordley, beg leave to report, that the facts stated in the said Petition appear to be well founded, Your Committee discover from the Papers referred to by the Petitioners, that the whole personal Estate of Stephen Bordley deceased amounts to £830 1s 6 1/2d and the several Debts to £126 13s which together amount to £931 1s 10d Current money of Maryland. That the Petitioners as Administrators of the said Stephen Bordley have paid away the sum of £811 17s 0 which leaves a Balance due to the Estate of £86 17s 10 1/2d. Your Committee are informed, and have good Reason to believe, that Debts are due to a very considerable Amount over and above the appraised Value of his personal Estate, and that Suits for the Recovery thereof are at this Time depending against the Heir at Law of the said Stephen Bordley deceased, and which, if suffered to run on interest until the minor attains his full Age will be exceedingly prejudicial to his Estate; Your Committee are of Opinion, that James Porter against whom William Bordley, and Elizabeth his Wife, Executrix of John Tidder, recovered judgment, ought to be reimbursed from the Estate of Stephen Bordley, junior if the Money has been paid in Consequence of the Recovery, but if the said James Porter has not paid, or otherwise satisfied the Debt aforesaid, which your Committee are informed and believe he has not, that in that case, the Money due as aforesaid, from the said James Porter be satisfied unto the

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