

by the Senate, March 1779. ... special Order and will pass
which was ordered to be engraved. ... by Order of Bridgely N. T. ...

Mr. Gualter brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report
The Committee to whom the Petition of John Lapham was referred, beg leave to report, that
as Mr. Lapham's peculiar Situation must render his Continuance here exceedingly irksome and
disagreeable to himself as well as useless to the State, and his prospects in England may
make that Country more desirable to him, your Committee are of Opinion, that it might not be
improper that the Governor and Council should grant him a Passport to the British Isles, under
such Limitations and Restrictions as they may think proper to impose

Your Committee further beg leave to observe, that they are informed by the said John Lapham, that
he acted as a Commissioner of the Loan Office from the Year 1769 until 1777, upon the Salary of
Twenty Pounds Sterling per Annum, and by recurring to a Report of a Committee of both Houses,
appointed to examine into the State and Condition of the Loan Office in the Year 1777, they find that
the said Committee were of Opinion, "that from the Multiplicity of Business, the Nature of the Duty,
and the Care and Regularity of the Transactions, of the annual Salaries of the Commissioners and
Clerks were inadequate to the Services they rendered the Public"

Your Committee therefore being of Opinion that the said Lapham ought to receive a Compensation
over and above his late Salary for the Services he has rendered as a Commissioner, submit the
Quantum to the Determination of the honorable House. Signed per Order. A. Golden (Clerk)
which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Wm. F. Worthington, Esq. from the Senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Letter from his Excellency
to the general Assembly, which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock

Post Meridieum: The House met

The Petition of Gabriel Childs was read the second Time. - A Petition of John Loman, and a Petition of
Richard Loman of Kent County were presented and read and ordered to lie on the Table
The House being informed that the Sheriff of Ann Amundel County was attending at the Bar of the House,
agreeable to the Order of Monday last, proceeded to an Enquiry into his Conduct relating to his Duty in
forwarding the Laws to the respective Counties agreeable to Act of Assembly. The said Sheriff informed the
House, that he could not hire an Cart to carry them. The Sheriff was then ordered to
withdraw, and after some Time he was ordered to attend at the Bar again, which he accordingly did and
told the House that he lived at a considerable Distance from Town, and had proposed too great a
Confidence in his Deputies, who he judged would have sent them for him, but that if the House
would overlook his Neglect of Duty for the present, he promises that he would be more circumspet in
his Behaviour for the future, and that the House should have no Cause of Complaint hereafter.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker was directed by the House to reprimand the said Sheriff for his Neglect in not
transmitting the Laws agreeable to his Duty, and to inform the said Sheriff, that in Consideration of
his promise and Acknowledgment aforesaid, he was discharged on paying fees. which Mr. Speaker
accordingly did.

The House adjourns till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock