

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 1774

The House met (Present as on Yesterday: The Proceedings of Yesterday were read)  
The Petition of David Burgess read the second time, and referred to Mr. Hume, Mr. M. Dugely, Mr. Macubbin and Mr. Northington, who are appointed a Committee to consider & report thereon  
The Bill entitled An Act for the erecting New Mansions in the Town of Oldenburgh, read the second time by special Order and passed.

Mr. Stricker brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Report from the Committee appointed to consider the Petition of the People called Quakers; which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Memorial of William Gibson, Clerk of Baltimore County, was read the second time, and referred to Mr. John Henry, Mr. M. Mochin, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Bayly who are appointed a Committee to consider and report thereon.

The Petition of Benjamin Caswood, Junr, Sheriff and Collector of Charles County, was read the second time and rejected.

Mr. Reed, brings in & delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entitled, An Act for the Relief of the Heirs and Thomas Brown, of Dorset County, and the Reverend Joseph Moberger of Saint James County, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Report on the Petition of Joseph Croman read the second time, continued with, and Leave given to bring in a Bill for the Relief of the said Joseph Croman, agreeable to the prayer of the Petition.

Mr. W. Stevenson, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Conduct of Purchasers of

By the Committee appointed to enquire into and report the Names of the Persons licensed by the Governor and the Council, as Commissary General, or Quarter Master General, or as Deputy to either, to purchase Provisions within this State, and into their Conduct, and into the Quantity of Wheat, Flour, or Corn, purchased for public Use, and the Prices given; and further to enquire, if any Abuses have been committed by any Person purchasing Wheat without License, or by Millers or others, under Colour of purchasing the same for Sale to the Inhabitants.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that a Number of Persons have been licensed by the Governor and Council to purchase Provisions in this State for the Army of the United States, under the Act of Assembly for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing of as will appear by the Paper N<sup>o</sup> 1, herewith delivered in. It appears to your Committee, by Letters from Col. Blaine, Deputy Commissary General for the Middle Department, and Information of Conrad Theodore Mederstrandt, a Assistant Commissary of Purchases, herewith delivered in N<sup>o</sup> 3 and 18, that said Mederstrandt in regard to the Purchases he has made, has conducted himself according to the Directions he from Time to Time received from said Col. Blaine, except as to the Commission of 5<sup>th</sup> Cent given to his Deputies, on which said Col. Blaine has been silent, and which your Committee apprehend is not usually allowed by the Commissary General. It further appears to your Committee, that Mr. Mederstrandt has employed several Millers, and furnished some of them with Money to purchase Wheat and manufacture into Flour, and that Messrs Samuel McGee and Woolman Gibson the 3<sup>d</sup>, Millers, are to have the one fourth Part of all the Wheat they purchase for their Commission and Double in manufacturing, and are to deliver one hundred and twelve Bushels of Flour (all the Ship Ship stuff and Bran) for every three Bushels of Wheat of the remaining 7<sup>th</sup> by them respectively purchased with the public Money. It further appears that Mr. Mederstrandt has agreed (to)