

On Reading the Petition of *John Jeremiah Myar*, the Second Time, Ordered, That *T. Johnson*, Esq; *Mr. F. Gantt*, Col. *Cresap*, and *S. Wilson*, Esq; be a Committee to enquire into the Allegations and Facts contained in the said Petition; and that they make Report thereof to the House.

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock.*

POST-MERIDIEM. The House met.

On Motion, ORDERED, That *S. Chase*, *T. Johnson*, Esqrs. *Mr. J. Adams*, *Mr. Harris*, *Mr. Allen*, Col. *Cresap*, and *Mr. Selby*, be added to the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice.

On Reading the Second Time the Petitions of the Poor Prisoners confined in *Anne-Arundel* County Goal, the same is recommended by this House to the immediate Enquiry and Examination of the Committee of Grievances. Ordered, That they make Report to the House.

On Motion, *J. Hammond*, Esq; hath Leave of Absence.

*The House adjourns till Monday Morning at IX of the Clock.*

## M O N D A Y, May 19,

THE House met. All present as on Saturday, except *J. Hammond*, Esq; *William Murdock*, Esq; *Mr. F. Gantt*, and Col. *Henry*.

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock.*

POST-MERIDIEM. The House met.

On Motion, *Mr. Sullivan* hath Leave of Absence.

*Mr. J. Adams* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, viz.

*By the Committee of Grievances, and Courts of Justice, May 17, 1766.*

YOUR Committee, in pursuance of the Special Order of your Honourable House, to enquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of the Prisoners confined in *Anne-Arundel* County Goal, beg Leave to inform your Honourable House, that they have visited the said Goal, and find, that the same is kept so filthy and nasty, that it is excessively nauseous, insomuch that your Committee are apprehensive that the Prisoners are in great Danger from its offensive Stench.

That your Committee could not make any Enquiry concerning the Facts set forth in the said Petition, of the Sheriff himself, he now being out of Town; but, from the Information of the Goaler, who attended your Committee at the said Goal, your Committee find, that the Prisoners confined therein, have not any Allowance of Victuals; but, instead thereof, the Sheriff hath allowed, and given to each Prisoner, Thirteen Coppers by the Week, and Salt and Water, for their whole Subsistence, until last Monday, when Two Coppers more were given to each Prisoner, for the present Week's Subsistence.

That the Prisoners, on Examination, alledge, that the Allowance for Subsistence hath not been given by Agreement and Consent, and that they have had but Four Cords of Wood found them by the Sheriff, ever since before Christmas, but have been kept without Wood, unless what they can beg from the Prison Windows, ever since the Month of *March*; nor have they any Means to lay out their Allowance in Provisions, but by entrusting it to Passers-by; and therefore they are constrained to lay it out in Bakers Bread, the small Quantity of which, that can be purchased for their Allowance, they assert, and your Committee believe, is not sufficient of itself to support Nature.

*Signed per Order,*

HENRY WILKINS, Clk.

On Reading the said Report the First and Second Time, the House concurs therewith.

ORDERED, That the Serjeant at Arms do summons *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; High-Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County, to attend at the Bar of this House, on Wednesday Morning next, to answer the Complaint of several Poor Prisoners, now confined in *Anne-Arundel* County Goal; Reported by the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, to this House.

*R. Lee*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of *Thomas Schley*, and *John Jeremiah Myar*; a Petition of the Subscribers, Merchants, and others, Inhabitants of the Town of *Baltimore*, in *Baltimore* County; a Petition of fundry the Parishioners of *Stepney* Parish, Part whereof is in *Somerset* County, and Part in *Worcester* County; a Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Baltimore*, in *Baltimore* County; severally Indorsed, "By the Upper House; Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House." Which Petitions were Read here the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

*Col. Hooper*, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of *John Deal*, a languishing Prisoner in *Prince-George's* County Goal: Indorsed, "By the Upper House; Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House." Which Petition was Read here the First and Second Time, and Granted.

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