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The pet^o of the Vestry of W^m and Mary pish and King and Queens pish in St. Mary's County praying that a Law may pass for dividing the s^d pishes referred to further Consideracōn.

The message by James ffrisby and Rob^t Smith Esq^r of this morn^e viz^t

By his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and Council in Assembly
May 13th 1701.

If you are come to any resolucōn in reference to the proposed matter of the Conference this Board are desireous to be acquainted therewith

Signed p order
W Bladen CH Council.

Was here read and referred to further Consideracōn.
The Gent: added to the Com^{ee} of Lawes enters the house and makes their report as follows

May 13th 1701.

By the Com^{ee} of Lawes, with addicōn of the members assigned. The p^rsent Law for the regulation of the Millitia has been examined and Considered as alsoe the charge of the house thereupon.

Upon w^{ch} the Com^{ee} have thus considered.

1. That the p^rsent Act enjoynes all p^rsons except &^c to come to muster at the times appointed and on failer lyable to a fine of 100[£] tob^o for every neglect of w^{ch} the Capt. is Iudge and th^t without any pay.

2. We doe not finde any people bound to attend Musters more strictly then here in times of peace w^{ch} seems sufficient and when Warr happens measures of warr must be taken.

3. The Greatest reason why the Militia seems unserviceable is not Living up to the p^rsent Law the neglect of w^{ch} must be principally in the Comd^{rs} negligence for they have power to sum^o and if disobeyd can fine for such centempt.

4. Upon the whole matter we see no better expedient to amend the present condicōn of the millitia then by putting the law allready made in practice by enforceing the Comd^{rs} to there duty viz^t

The frequent calling their companys together as the law directs and taking due paines and care to instruct and traine them that are able to p^rforme their duty and this und^r penalty to the Comanders as well as those comanded.