

L. H. J. By the Upper House of Assembly referred to the Consideration of
Liber No. 52 the Lower House
Nov. 14

Which petitions were severally read here the first Time and Ordered to lye on the Table

The House adjourns 'till two of the Clock

Post Meridiem

The House met

Samuel Chamberlayne Esq.^r from the Upper House delivers to M^r Speaker the following Message Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Nov.^r 1765

Gentlemen

This is attended with two petitions from Baltimore and Worcester Countys desiring that the Inhabitants of those Countys may be relieved from the great & heavy Charge arising from the Allowances made for the Maintenance and Support of the poor

The Burthen occasioned by our present Method of providing for the poor is generally felt & complained of and we could wish to see better Regulation of this Matter universally introduced into this province Upon having Recourse to the last Years Levy Lists returned to the Clerk of the Council for ten Countys only (the Returns from the Counties of Frederick S^t Marys Worcester and Queen Ann not having been made) we find the Amount of the poors Rate therein including Sheriffs Commission to be One Million three hundred seven thousand six hundred and fforty two pounds of Tobacco

Whether the Erection of Workhouses and Houses of Correction in all the Counties would not give great Relief to the Inhabitants in the Annual Levies afford a more regular and better applied Provision for the poor Check the Disorders committed by common Beggars and idle Vagabonds and lay a Foundation for useful Industry we refer to your Consideration

Signed by Order UScott Clk Up. Ho.

And a petition of the Inhabitants of Baltimore County and a petition of the Magistrates and sundry of the Inhabitants of Worcester County praying to have a House for the Reception of the poor and a Workhouse erected in said Counties Indorsed By the Upper House referred to the Consideration of the Lower House which petitions were here read and Ordered to lye on the Table

Benedict Calvert Esq.^r from the Upper House delivers to M^r Speaker a petition of Ann Ogle of Annapolis Widow Benjamin Tasker Esq.^r and John Hammond Esq.^r praying Leave to bring in a Bill to sell two Tracts of Land laying in Ann Arundel County the One called Hickory Ridge containing 260 Acres the other called Green Land containing 100 Acres