

L. H. J.
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Then M.^r John Smith being called upon appeared and alledged that he never signed the said Petition or was privy or assenting to the same; and that he was at Carlisle, in Pensylvania, at the Time he understood the Petition was signed and then he was ordered to withdraw

M.^r John Purviance being called upon, appeared, and alledged, that he never signed the said Petition or was privy or assenting to the same. And then he was ordered to withdraw.

M.^r James Sterrett being called upon appeared, and alledged, that when ill in Bed, M.^{rs} Sterrett informed him, that M.^r Jones and some Gentlemen, were waiting upon him to sign a Petition to the Governor and Assembly relating to the Election of Baltimore County: That upon being told by M.^{rs} Sterrett, that the Gentlemen attending, informed her, that all the Gentlemen in Town were subscribing the said Petition, he then told M.^{rs} Sterrett, that the Gentlemen attending might put his Name to the same; but that he never saw the said Petition, or was acquainted with the Language thereof, or was otherwise privy or assenting to the same. And then he was ordered to withdraw

Then the House came to the following Resolutions

Resolved, That M.^r John Smith has given sufficient Satisfaction to this House, that he did not sign the said Petition, or was privy or assenting to the same.

Resolved, That M.^r John Smith misbehaved himself to the Officer of this House at the Time of the Service of the Order on him, and that therefor he be reprimanded

Ordered, That M.^r Speaker reprimand him. M.^r Speaker reprimanded him accordingly

Ordered, That he be discharged; and that M.^r Speaker acquaint him therewith

Resolved, That M.^r John Purviance has given sufficient Satisfaction to this House that he did not sign the said Petition or was privy or assenting to the same

Ordered, That he be discharged

Resolved, That M.^r James Sterritt has given sufficient Satisfaction to this House that he did not sign the said Petition.

Ordered, That he be discharged

M.^r Speaker communicated to the House a Letter, to him directed, which was ordered to be read; and the same was read accordingly, and is as follows.

“Sir,

An Officer of the Lower House of Assembly the other Day summoned sundry Gentlemen of this Town to appear before that House to answer as he said, a Petition preferred to the Upper House of