

By the Upper House of Assembly, November 20:<sup>th</sup> 1770.

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 54  
Nov. 20

Gentlemen,

The many Instances in which this House have from Time to Time exercised their Right to amend Bills . . . [*The message beginning thus is printed in full in the Upper House Journal, pp. 364-365*].

Which was read the first Time; and the Amendment proposed to the Bill was read, and unanimously rejected. p. 180

M.<sup>r</sup> J. Paca brings in, and delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker, a Bill, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act, to prevent the Exportation of fflour, Staves and Shingles, not merchantable, from the Town of Baltimore, in Baltimore County, and to regulate the Weight of Hay, and Measure of Grain, Salt, flax-Seed, and fire-Wood within the said Town—

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

M.<sup>r</sup> Beall brings in, and delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Report:

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, November 20.<sup>th</sup> 1770.

Your Committee, upon the Complaint of several Persons of Prince George's and Charles Counties, of excessive Charges of the Deputy Surveyors of those Counties, for Resurveyes made by Virtue of Warrants from the Land Office, have examined the Accounts of John Frederick Augustus Priggs, Deputy Surveyor of Prince George's County, against John Lowe, Sen.<sup>r</sup>, John Hamilton, James Edmoston, and Benjamin Belt, jun.<sup>r</sup> and the Accounts of Theophilus Hanson, late Deputy Surveyor of Charles County, against Henry Hardy jun.<sup>r</sup> William Hayes, and John Smith, among which we beg Leave to lay before the honourable House the Account against John Lowe, Sen.<sup>r</sup> aforesaid, by which it appears, that said Priggs, for resurveying two small Tracts of Land, and adding 182½ Acres of contiguous Vacancy, amounting in the whole, to 408½ Acres, hath made an Excess of Charge to the Amount of above 1600 lbs of Tobacco; which excess your Committee find principally arises on the Surveyor's charging not only for the Tracts they are directed by Warrant to resurvey, but also for resurveying and laying down, by Way of Illustration, all the Tracts adjacent, and by charging for every Piece of Vacancy added, as if they were so many distinct Tracts; and in most Instances, your Committee, from their Observations of the Manner of ascertaining the Location of adjacent and neighbouring Tracts, whereby to ascertain the Vacancy intended to be taken up, are apprehensive, that where only a few Lines of elder Tracts are run, and the rest are only plotted, or where, as is common, the Lines of the Elder are also Lines of the Younger, and consequently there p. 181