

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JONAS GREEN'S PETITION OF 1762

*(Votes and Proceedings, April 13, 1762)*¹

By the Committee appointed by the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly, to enquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of Jonas Green.

Your Committee, upon Examination of the Facts contained in the said Petition, find, That no Act passed in the Year 1738 or 1739, for the Levying or Payment of any Salary to the said Jonas Green; but that in the Year 1742 he was allowed 120 *l.* in the Journal of Accounts, the Payment of which was in 1743; and in the Year 1748, an Act passed, empowering and requiring Mrs. Hollyday, Executrix of James Hollyday, Esquire, to pay 180 *l.* to the said Jonas Green, for his Salaries in 1738 and 1739. That an Act passed in the Year 1740, to continue till the 1st of December, 1742, for the Yearly Allowance of 15 *l.* in each County to the said Jonas Green, but no Session happening after the Expiration of that Act, till May 1744, the said Jonas Green had no Allowance for the Year 1743, till an Allowance was made to him on the Journal of Accounts of 144 *l.* in the Year 1744, which was not paid till 1747: That in the Year 1744, an Act passed, to continue till the 25th of December, 1745, which, in August 1745, was continued till the 25th of December, 1746, giving the said Jonas Green the 15 *l.* yearly Allowance, in each County, as Printer; and in June 1746, an Act passed, empowering the Justices of Talbot and St. Mary's County to levy 15 *l.* in each County in November 1746, for the said Jonas Green's Use, omitted to be levied in Talbot in 1742, and in St. Mary's in 1744: That in May 1747, the said Act of 1744 was revived and continued till the 25th of December 1748, and an additional Allowance of 5 *l.* each County given to the said Jonas Green for printing the Votes; but if no Session or Convention, the additional Allowance to cease: That in May 1749, an Act passed to continue till the 25th of December, 1750, for 20 *l.* yearly Allowance to the said Jonas Green, in Each County, for his printing the Laws and Votes; but if no Session, 5 *l.* Part of the Allowance in Each County, to cease: By this Act 40 *l.* was to be levied in Kent County for Omissions in 1747 and 1748, and 5 *l.* in Dorchester County, for an Omission in 1747: In May 1750, the last mentioned Act was continued till the 1st. of December, 1752, and in June 1752, to the 1st. of December, 1753.

That in October 1753, a new Act passed, to continue till the 20th. of December, 1755, giving the like Allowance to the said Jonas Green, subject to the like Abatement when no Session, as the Act of 1749, and laying a further Duty on him to print the Inspection Law, passed that Session, for the Vestries and Inspectors, without giving any further Reward for that new Duty: That in February 1756, an Act passed to continue till the 20th of December, 1757, apportioning the Said Jonas Green's Allowance by the Number of Taxables in the respective Counties, which was continued in September 1757, to the 20th of December 1758, and which expired on that Day, tho' the Session, begun in November 1758, ended but a few Days before the Expiration of that Law: That in March 1760, an Act passed, to continue to the 2d Day of April, 1761, giving the like Allowance, and under the like Conditions, as the last mentioned Act, and also empowering the Justices of the respective Counties to levy in the whole, 210 *l.* for his Salary in 1759, there not having been any Session in that year.

That the Said last mentioned Act Expired the 2d of April, 1761; since which there has not been any Session, and there hath been no Salary or Allowance to the said Jonas Green

¹ See bibliographical appendix for this volume.