

tions cannot consent to the passing thereof. Therefore recom- Lib. 41.
mended to the Committee of Laws to be made Seperate
W. Bladen Cl. Council

Which being read it is recommended as desired

Willian Coursey Esq^r enters the House and delivers M^r
Speaker M^r Carroll's Memorial to his Excellency.

Read and referred for further Consideration.

Read the Petition of M^r William Bladen and ordered to be
entered as follows

To the Honble the General Assembly now sitting.

The humble Petition of William Bladen.

Most humbly complaining sheweth That when the Town
and Port of Annapolis was first laid out according to Act of
Assembly Col^o Edward Dorsey residing there and undertaker
of the publick Buildings took up two Lots next adjoining to
the publick Place where the Court House was designed to be
built But the said Dorsey failing in his Undertaking turned
a Brick Kilne and other Materials upon the Country as also a
forty Foot House built upon the said Lots which the Country
offered your Petitioner for 3000 lb of Tobacco and he agreed
to take the same but in the Afternoon Col^o Herman agreeing
to build the Court House for his Convenience and at his Re-
quest your Petitioner released his Bargain with the House and
the said Col^o Herman actually paid and allowed the Country
therefor 3000 lb. Tob^o and having erected another small thereon
sold the same to M^r Gerrard Vansweringen decd for 10000 lb
Tob^o who assigned the said Bargain to your Petitioner for the
very same Consideration of 10000 lb Tobacco and all this
before your Petitioner came to live in this Town And further
your Petitioner sheweth That the then Governor Col^o Francis
Nicholson without any Privity of your Petitioner (who was so
valuable a Purchaser) caused M^r Beard the Surveyor not only p. 72
to run a Street out of your Petitioner's Lots but also a Circle
about the publick Buildings wherein most of your Petitioner's
Land is included to his great Detriment especially considering
the said Houses have never gained him the 10th Part of the
Common Interest of his Tobacco he never being heard thereto.

Wherefore he humbly prays your Excellency and this Hon-
ble Assembly to do him Justice and let him have the Land so
dearly bought and honestly paid for and he shall ever pray

Indorsed. By the Governor and Council in Assembly
April 9th 1706.

We know this Petition to be true think it reasonable and
recommend it to the House of Delegates.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Council.