

W^m Samuel Watkins late Surveyor of Putnam's setting forth
the honorable Col^o John Mason Col^o John Courts Thomas Brooke Esq^r
James Stacy Esq^r

Read the Petition of W^m Samuel Watkins late Surveyor of Putnam's setting forth
his Inability to come up to his said Accounts by Order of his Excellency the Governor and
Council in Order to make Vails to his several Acc^{ts} of the said Office aforesaid before this
present Session of Assembly and praying that some Person might be appointed to take
his Oath thereto

Ordered that he make Vails to his said Accounts before the honorable Richard Gregory
Esq^r Chief Justice of said Mary's County Court now hereby Ordered to take and certify
the same

That it be Reminded to the House of Delegates that W^m Hatfield imported above
forty or fifty Negroes this Year into Putnam and that the said Watkins gives Credit
for 37 only

The Board adjourned till Wednesday Morning at 8 of the Clock

Port of Annapolis October 26 1638

The honorable his Majesty's Council in Assembly Late and were Present as
Yesterday

Message from the House by Lieutenant Col^o Hicks and W^m Benjamin Hall Esq^r

By the House of Delegates October 26 1638

W^m Samuel Chen appearing before this House informs them that Captain Thomas
Ely when Entered his Negroes Reported but for three hundred ninety Six Negroes and sending
Afterwards that he had more on Board of which he had made no Entry the whole being
423 Negroes for the whole of which he was ready to pay the Import and desiring what
no Advantage might be taken against him for want of a Post Entry and that this House
would be pleased to Order him to whom he should pay the said Import

It is Resolved upon by this House that he pay the same to the Naval Officer for the
District of the Port of Annapolis and that no Advantage should be taken thereon for want
of such Post Entry if his Excellency and the Honourable Council shall Approve of the same

Signed by Order Chas. Gregory Ch. House Deb

Whereupon was Endorsed and sent back to the House by the said W^m Hicks and W^m
Hall Esq^r

By his Majesty's honourable Council in Assembly October 26 1638
The within Opinion of the House is approved of and Ordered that Captain Ely's Bond
to W^m Watkins be cancelled upon Payment of the Money

Signed by Order W^m Bladen Ch. Council

Then came the following Message by Captain Morland Colonel Thompson W^m Caspwell
and several other members viz

To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Captain General and his
Majesty's honourable Council

The humble Address of the House of Delegates

May it Please your Excellency

It being Evident to this House that W^m Philip Clark one of the members of
this House is being detained in Prison and falling under Consideration to Inquire for what
Crime the said Philip Clark was so detained and whether under such Conditions as
detained him from the Service of this House in Order whereunto Inquiring was made of the
Sheriff by what and for what Cause the said Philip was by him detained his answer was
that he was detained by Virtue of a Capias ad Satisfaciendum for six thousand pounds of
Tobacco due to the Country but could produce no more Receipt and having examined
former Presidents witnesses &c do find that no member ought to be restrained from the