

Mr Thomas Greenfield & others pursuant to an Order of last Session relating to the Petition of the Parishioners of St Pauls Parish in Prince Georges County made Return of their Report & ordered a Bill to be prepared.

The Honble Thomas Touch & Edward Lloyd Esq^r from the Council enters the House and delivers Mr Speaker the following Message

By his Excellency the Governor & Council in Assembly December 7th 1701

Since the unhappy Accident of our Court House & some of our Laws burnt has induced this present Meeting of the Country his Excellency thought it might conduce to the obviating the publick Charge of detaining the Session for the transcribing them (some being very long) to have the Bills which were read in the House sent for from the late Speakers House in Charles County & having ordered them to be transcribed against your Meeting they are with the original Draughts of the said Bills herewith recommended to your Consideration for the reenacting thereof if you see fit. Signed & Ordered W Bladen (th Council)

And likewise brought with them the following Bills, the Laws being burnt.

Bill for Limitation of Officers Fees.

Bill declaring the Division of several Counties of this Province.

Bill for Advancement of the Natives & Residents of this Province

Bill for regulating the Militia.

Bill for Payment of Criminals Fees

Bill declaring several Acts of Assembly formerly made to be in Force

Bill for causing Grand & Petit Jurors ^{& witnesses for} to come to Courts

Bill for Preservation of several Harbours in this Province

All indorsed by the Clerk of the Council & this House the last Session, and likewise the ingrossed Bills sent with them to be read & examined in the House.

Ordered to be read in the Afternoon.

Upon Debate of rebuilding the Stadt House ordered the following Message be sent up to his Excellency & Council Vizt

By the House of Delegates Dec: 7th 1701 The rebuilding the Stadt House now lying under Consideration this House have resolved their Willingness to rebuild the said House in as commodious a Manner as before, and accordingly treated with W Bladen concerning the same, but his Demand being so great this House will not concur. Therefore its resolved that a Committee be appointed to treat, bargain & agree with such Persons as will undertake the said work and accordingly have appointed Mr Samuel Young, Mr Charles Greenbury, Mr Joseph Hill, & Mr Richard Jones Delegates of Ann Arundel County for that Purpose.

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