

ourselves It is further taken Notice that we have met an Act against ^{the} Divulging of false News, which was of a very large Extent and by Experience found to be rather hurtful by becoming a snare to simple, ignorant and unwary People and abused by malicious Informers to that Purpose than applied to the Punishment of malicious ill disposed People, so that it has been a good while ago let fall by former Assemblies and thought not fit to be renewed since there is other good Laws to bring them to Punishment who shall any ways maliciously promulge any thing done in Derogation of y^r Majesty's Honor which shall be always dear to y^r Majesty's most Dutiful

Ordered That the Committee of Laws cause the same to be fairly written The Matter in Debate last Night relating to the Charter of the City of Annapolis Wmole Hunt Esq; and William Bladen Esq; Aldermen thereof and Jurors at Law and Delegates for the said City proceed to answer the Objections against the Charter and prayed the same may be Loged with the Clerk of this House in Writing Mr Macnamara on Behalf of the Petitioners replied thereto

The Petitioners and Delegates for the said City with the Aldermen and Common Council ^{were all} Mon^{day} ordered to withdraw and being withdrawn The House debated the whole Matter and resolved that the Question be put Whether the Governor had Power to grant the Charter in Manner and Form as it is granted? ^{or no} ^{various} ^{Reasons} ^{contraducto} in the Negative —

Mr Lynes from the Council enters the House and delivers Mr Speaker the Petition of Joseph and Benjamin Harris of Talbot County praying Leave to bring in a Bill to empower them to sell a Tract of Land in Talbot County left them by their Father and intailed on the Heirs of their Bodies and with the Money thereby arising to purchase other Land in Talbot County Indorsed thus By his Excellency and Council in Assembly October 2^d 1708

The within Petition being read at this Board the Consideration thereof is referred to the House of Delegates

Signed & Order Evan Jones Lt. Council

The Petition of Jos^{ph} William Holland, Richard Harrison and Samuel Shaw praying Leave to bring in a Bill for Confirmation of a Deed made in Brittain Indorsed —

By the Governor and Council in Assembly October 1st 1708

His Excellency and this Board are willing that a Bill be prepared for the Purpose within mentioned the Petitioner making good their Allegations as expressed and recommended to the House for their Approbation

Signed & Order Evan Jones Lt. Council

The Petition of George Ferguson and Sarah Phillips praying Relief against an Act formerly made for granting a Piece of Land called Elton's Point in Hopkank River in Dorchester County settled on the Indians Indorsed thus — By his Excellency and Council in Assembly October 2^d 1708

The Petition within mentioned read the Consideration thereof is referred to the House of Delegates

Signed & Order Evan Jones Lt. Council

The Petition of John Nicholls praying that the Land late of William Edmondson might be sold according to a former Act passed in his Favour Indorsed as followeth

By his Excellency and Council in Assembly October 1st 1708 His Excellency and this Board do adjudge that the within Petition is reasonable, and earnestly recommended to the House of Delegates that the Petitioner may be relieved according to his Prayer

Signed & Order Evan Jones Lt. Council