

The Matter relating to Foreign Coins Debated and Resolved That a Bill be brought in to make Foreign Coins Current according to her Majesty's Proclamation and the Act of Parliament and that the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill accordingly. Resolved That Colo. Greenberry, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Salter, Mr. West and Mr. Vanderheyden be a Committee to inspect the Land Records &c. and to treat with Mr. Secretary Lloyd or any other Person to amend the Records and what Charge it will be and make Report thereof to the House.

The Matter relating to Ordinary Accuses debated and referred for further Consideration The House adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon —

Monday Afternoon The House met according to Adjournment

Ordered That all Committees withdraw upon their Business

Ordered That the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County send away the Writ of Election to Saint Mary's County which was delivered him in the House.

Benjamin Dufours Petition praying to be naturalized granted upon his taking the Oath which was done before Mr. John Baldwin a Justice of Peace for Ann Arundel County Major General Lloyd and Colo. William Holland from his Excellency and Council enter the House and inform Mr. Speaker that his Excellency in her Majesty's Name requires the House to attend him immediately at the Council Chamber; Whereupon the House adjourned to the Council Chamber accordingly and his Excellency was pleased to acquaint Mr. Speaker and the House that he was informed this House had taken upon them an extrajudicial way of construing her Majesty's Commission to him which he took to be an Infingment upon her Majesty's Royal Prerogative, and had turned out those Members that were sent to sit among them for the City of Annapolis, by the same Commission proceeding from the same Fountain of Commony as the House now sits, and wished them to repair to their own House, and there seriously to reflect thereon —

The House being returned Mr. Speaker took the Chair and the House proceed to take the same into their Consideration and being debated Resolved the following Message be sent to his Excellency Viz

By the House of Delegates. October 14<sup>th</sup> 1700

In Answer to your Excellency's speech to the House this Day in Relation to the Charter which your Excellency was pleased to grant to the Citizens of Annapolis this House have taken into Consideration what we have done upon Complaint of several of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Annapolis who conceive themselves under some Hardships by the said Charter lately granted by your Excellency to some Gentlemen to incorporate them into a Body Politick or Fraternity by the Name of Mayor Aldermen and Common Council of the said City this House being in Concurrence with your Excellency and the Honorable Council the proper Center to which all aggrieved may apply themselves for Redress doth humbly conceive that the Charter granted doth deprive some of her Majesty's Subjects of the Rights and Privileges which the Laws of England and this Province undoubtedly entitle them to as Freemen as particularly their voting for Delegates or Representatives in the General Assembly and make them liable to be sued for small Debts which the Laws of this Province empower any single Justice to hear and determine and taken from the Publick those Lands & Buildings they purchased and erected and other Privileges —