

Friday Morning, August 27, 1731.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all were present as Yesterday: The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's,* and *Calvert* Counties, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for laying out anew *Benedict* Town; was referred to the next Session of Assembly.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, to prohibit the raising of Hogs, in any Towns, within this Province.

Col. *Greenfield*, from the Committee of Laws, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entituled, *an Act for laying out the Town anew, called Marlborough Town, in Prince George's County, and for ascertaining the Bounds thereof;* which Bill was read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Joshua George*, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entituled, *an Act to supply some Defects in a Deed of Bargain and Sale, from Edward Warner, late of London, in the Kingdom of Great Britain, deceased, to William Husbands, late of Cecil County, deceased, of Two Tracts of Land, viz. the One called Stillington, the other called Chance, both lying and being in Cecil County;* which Bill, was read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and passed; and sent to the Upper House by Col. *Herman*, and Mr. *Knight*; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they delivered the same.

The House adjourns 'till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Friday Afternoon, August 27, 1731.

The House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all present as in the Morning

*Daniel Dulany*, Esq; from the Committee appointed to inspect the Condition of the Common Goal of *Annapolis*, brought in the following Report:

*By the Committee appointed to inspect the Condition of the Common Goal of Annapolis, August 27, 1731.*

Your Committee having enquired and examined, in the best Manner we could, into the Condition of the said Goal, find it to be a Building of Stone, about Thirty Feet long, from out to out, and about Twenty Feet wide, from out to out; consisting of Two Rooms, One below of the whole Length and Breadth of the Building, laid with a substantial Oak Plank Floor, and having a Fire-place, but no Window or other Inlet for the Air on the *South*-side, or at either of the Gable-ends; but on the *North*-side, are Two small Windows, and One Door.

The Room above, hath a Fire-place, but no Window or other Inlet for the Air, on the *North* or *South* Sides, but One small Window in One Gable-end, and Two in the other; the Floor and Cieling or Lining in Decay.

No Convenience for the Prisoners to ease themselves, but One Spout or Pipe above, and another below, at the *Western* Gable End of the Building, where there is a Pit or Hole to receive the Excrements, always lying open, and very offensive to the Prisoners themselves, the Neighbours, and all that pass by.

Your Committee having been well informed, that many People have actually died in the said Goal of Distempers contracted there, and several soon after they have been enlarged, have also died of Distempers which they contracted likewise in the said Goal, before the present Sheriff came into the Office; and since his coming in, Six People have died of Distempers they got during their Imprisonment.

Your Committee observe, that the Prison it self, from the Closeness and Inconvenience of the Building, which deprives the poor People, who have the Misfortune of being confined there, of the Benefit of the Air, and exposes them to all the Inconvenience of the violent hot Weather, in the Summer Season; cannot fail of being fatal to the Health of all, and to the Lives of many, who are confined there for any considerable Time.

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