

Tuesday Morning May the 23. 1738.

The House met according to Adjournment, all present as yesterday —
Mr. Dulany hath leave of this House to be absent this day —

Motion, leave given to bring in a Bill for the limitation of Officers Fees.

Mr. Gordon a Member returned to serve for the City of Annapolis appeared in the House this day — Mr. Samuel Smith and Mr. Edward Lloyd went to the Upper House to see him qualified, they return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, and by signing the said Oaths and by repeating and signing the Oath —

Mr. John Loods being called to the Bar of this House, the Clerk was ordered to give him the following Submission in writing. —

" I acknowledge my Error in relation to the Authority of your Honourable —
" House. I sincerely ask pardon for the indecent language and ill manners used
" by me, in contempt of the honour and dignity of the Representative Body of his
" Majesty's Subjects the People of Maryland in General Assembly convened,
" and hope the same will be attributed to my want of judgment, rather than
" Malicious intention.

" I ask pardon of Mr. Richard Goldborough, one of the Members
" of your Honourable House, for the ill manners used by me towards him, and
" hope he will pardon me for the same.

Which after reading, was ordered by the House to make,
The said John Loods entirely refused — He was ordered to withdraw in
Custody of the Sergeant.

Ordered that the Clerk of this House make out an Order directed to the
Sheriff of Anne Arundel County and Keeper of the publick Goal in the City of Annapolis for the
Province of Maryland, commanding him to receive the body of John Loods now in Custody
of the Sergeant at Arms attending the Lower House of Assembly, and him safe keep in close
Confinement for his contemptuous Language and indecent behaviour to the Lower House
of Assembly in general, and to one of the Honourable Members thereof in particular, —
untill he shall make a Submission agreeable to this House. —

An order was made out and delivered into the hands of the Sergeant at Arms.

Mr. Report concerning the Justices of Dorchester County relating to the refusing an
Imprisonment being read, the Justices ordered to attend the House; the Justices attended,
accordingly — The Report was again read to them, and on Examination it appeared
to this House, the said Justices have acted contrary to Law in refusing the Imprisonment
required, Resolved that the Governor be addressed on this Occasion —

Mr. Walter Smith from the Committee for Inspecting the Armes and
Ammunition and Accounts relating thereto Delivers Mr. Speaker the
following Report —

(By)