

& this taking into their Consideracōn as well the greate Want of a Prison in this Province as allsoe the decay of this present Court or State house & Office It was therefore Voted by this house th^t a Message be sent from this house to his Excelencie to acquaint him th^t they thinke it necessarie th^t a State house Prison & Secretaries Office be Speedily erected at the Publick Charge in such Part or Place of the Province as his Excelency shall thinke fitte to Appoint & humbly to desire his Excelency to Signifie his Pleasure therein to this House th^t Provision may by them be made for the Erecting of such buildings for the use afores^d in such Place as his Excelency orders accordingly

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Resolved th^t a message be sent to the Lower [house to] know of them Whether the Buildings mencōned [in the] above Message shall be of Brick & when the [said work] shall be first entered upon & M^r Taylor & M^r [Truman] sent wth the s^d Resolve.—

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M^r Dent & M^r Darnell sent by the Lower house wth an Answ^r to s^d Resolve as followeth Viz^t [Resolved] th^t the Buildings be of Brick & to be [begun wth] all Expeditōn

M^r Chew & Doct^r Jesse Wharton sent to the Lower house with the following message viz^t In Answ^r to the Vote of the Lower house touching the State hou[se] the Govern^r thinkes fitte to make Choice either of [S^t] Maries or Anne Arrundel County & therefore des[ires] to Know Whether the Burgesses of either of those Counties he shall make Choice of will be willing to undertake the building a Convenient dwelling house of Brick for himselfe to Reside in his Excelency Conceaving it most necessary th^t his Being be nigh the Place Appointed for the dispatch of Publick Busines

Signed by ord^r

Rob^t Ridgely Clerke.

Baker Brookes Esq sent wth the following Answ^r to the last message of the Lower house about Billingsleys Land viz^t It is the Judgm^t & Opinion of this house th^t the s^d Land be Leased to the Indians at three thousand Pounds of tobacco p annum

Touching the Act for Impaneling the graund Inquests this house doth Conceave it were better to strike out the Wordes viz^t That the Respective Sherrifes shall take Speciall Care because the Act wth these wordes is not Positive enough as the Case requires and without these Words this house will Passe the Act if the Lower house Concurrerth

The Act for the Surveyor Gen^ls fees being read in the Lower house Voted there th^t the same be revived wth an