

Original of in the severall Counties and given in Charge to their
Journal. Representatives.

W Bladen Cl Del.

P. 41 It's Quæried from this board what those lawes are which the house desire to be Abrogated.

An Act for Quieting the differences arriseing betweene the Indians & English in private controversies Read first time and passed only to incert a reason that the bringing of them hither would put the Country to greate charge.

Anthony Workeman & Daniell Canons peticōns desireing to sell victualls & drinke Lycence free within this towne & port of Annapolis, were vpon Consideracōn that the same tends a publick good graunted accordingly his hon^r S^r Thomas Laurence agreeing thereto.

An Act for setling & Investing of a tract of land called Boothbys fortune vnto Henry Wallis read first time To which his Ex^{cy} does say th^t he should be glad to passe such a Law but that it is the Custome of Parliaments of England to heare both pties, therefore is not willing to passe it otherwayes.

An for Reformacōn of Jeoffailes in Maryland read first time & passed. His Ex^{cy} Recomending that they would Consult their other lawes & ascertain what lawes of England would be proper to be of force in this province.

June the 9th 1697.

The Council againe sate & were present as yesterday with the Addicōn of Coll Jowles.

Sent by Coll Hutchins & Coll Courts the bills yesterday read & Remarke thereon together with workeman & Cannons peticōns who returne & say they delivered the same.

Came from the house of Delegates Maj^r Dent & Cap^t Hill presented Cap^t Henry Smith a Delegate chosen for S^t Maries County in order to be sworne who had accordingly adminstred vnto him in Council the oathes appoynted by Act of parliament to be taken instead of the oathes of Allegiance & Supremacy & Subscribed the Test.

A peticōn of M^r W^m Bladen read preferred to the house.

proposed that some Ordinance passe about changing the powder in the severall Counties & to Consider what way will be best to effect the same.

That an Ordinance likewise passe to oblige each County to keep the publique Armes belonging to the same in good repaire seeing the house would not consent to have a law therefore.

P. 42 Brought from the house of Delegates by Cap^t Tasker M^r Smith & M^r Blay the following Resolves & message Viz^t