

L. H. J. 8th That the house would enquire the Reasons amongst themselves that obstructed the generality of the shippes this year and in particular the shippes Left behind this fleet from getting ready to sayle sooner proposed if a way can be found out whereby for the future they may receive quicker Dispatch in their business, also some late Councill proceedings and papers relating thereto Layd before the house.

Resolved that this house do finde the chiefe reasons of their hinderence to have been because the Ma^{rs} and Merch^{ts} hold their Goods at too deare a rate and their freight at too excessive prizes which together with the hardness of the last Winter hath been the occasion thereof.

As to the late Councill proceedings there about; the house do well approve of and concurr with them.

House adjourned till two of the Clock.

post Merediem. House mett again, to debate and resolve upon the following proposalls, thus viz^t

9th That a Law be made to Settle and confirme the Severall offices place of Judicature and other Conveniences formerly proposed to be made and done in and about the Stad^t house, and that a clause be therein incerted to oblige the Severall Collectors Naval officers and their Deputys &c. to bring all their lists of Shipping Certificates bonds Cocquets and other papers relating to their respective offices to be delivered upon Oath once every yeare before his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r &c. in order to be securely Lodged in one of the Rooms of the said Stad^t house, and that a clause be also incerted about the Church.

Ordered, That the Committee of Lawes prepare a Bill Therefore.

p. 132 11th That the Ditch be viewed and some care be taken about the building the two triangular houses and a Draw-bridge.

Resolved the said Ditch be finished and that Major John Hamond and Major John Dorsey be hereby appointed to see the same done and a Gate house built with a good Lock and Key. And that for the effecting the same

Ordered the publick Treasurer of the Western Shoare pay unto the said Major Hamond and Major Dorsey Eight thousand pounds of tob^o in Ann Arundell County.

12th That the Levy be proportioned this sessions, and that the Country have Creditte for the Rangers Arms, and the supernumerary Tithables the acc^{ts} whereof are herewith sent.

This house consent to and Concurr with the above proposall.

13th That a former proposall about Issuing forth comissions in chancery be considered a new according to former proposall again recomended.