

Original Journal. The following Message was by Order drawn up Viz^t } By his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r in Council In Assembly March the 15th 1697/8

There being two of the Navall Officers now attending in order to make Oath to there acco^{ts} It is required that the house would send about six of their memb^{rs} to see them sworne that the said Officers may be dispatched out of Towne And it is recommended by this boarde that the house would consult whether they thinke It necessary to prohibite the Exportation of Corne and provisions.

Signd p Ord^r
Hen: Denton Cl Council

Esq^r Tench & Esq^r ffrisby ordered to carry the said Message who accordingly went and Returne & say they have delivered the same.

It is proposed that the house advise whether the Susquahanah Indians, where they now Live be within the bounds of this province or not.

Proposed that the house appoint Some of the Members to Joyne in Committee with some of his Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Council to Inspect the acco^{tt} of the mony given towards building the Church at Annapolis Viewing the worke still to be done about the Stad^t house Viz^t Galleries & Cupelo, to view the ditch, & gate houses &^{ca} and settle one to keepe the same in Ord^r and hoyst the fflagg. Two petitions for the said place being referred to the Consideration of the house, & that the Sev^rall materials gott towards the building of the Church and Schoole house be Likewise Viewed, being referred to the moddell of the Church made by M^r ffielder for their Directions in this particular, and do recommend that the said M^r ffielder be satisfied for his pains & Trouble therein and at other tymes about Viewing the Stad^t house &^{ca} that some boards &^{ca} be fitted upon the backe of the Kings picture to keepe It from the dampness of the Walls a Cover for It with Rayls about It, to have the Kings Arms in Like manner p^rserved by putting some boarde on the backe side thereof to keepe It from Rotting It is recommended that some care be taken about Regulating the Ordinary's, and that none be suffered except such as will comply with the Law.

That some Law or Ordinance be made for the better securing all Letters brought in by Masters of Shippes. That some better care be taken about Orphans & Encouragem^t given to Coopers & Carpenters for want whereof there are given complaints from all parts of the Country Came from the house of Delegates Cap^t Hill, M^r Miller, M^r Smith, M^r