L. H. J. A Bill Entituled an addiconall act to the act Entituled an p. 273 act for speedy Iustice for small Debts, Read the first and second time.

A Bill for the Reformacon of Jeofayles in this Province, read the first & 2<sup>d</sup> time.

Resolved that the two fines of Five hundred pounds of Tobacco each deducted out of the allowances to M<sup>r</sup> William Hutchison and Major Will<sup>m</sup> Barton be applyed to the payment of Iohn Newton for the sweeping and Cleaning the State house.

The house adjournes till to Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock.

Dies Saturnij Nov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1698. The house mett againe, and were called over, Were absent M<sup>r</sup> Philip Clarke, M<sup>r</sup> Iames Crauford, Cap<sup>t</sup> Philip Hoskins, M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Hall, M<sup>r</sup> George Ashman, Major Thomas Ennalls, M<sup>r</sup> William hutchison and Major W<sup>m</sup> Barton.

Resolved that Major Thomas Ennalls for his prsumptious goeing home and leaving this house without leave first obtayned, one thousand pounds of Tobacco, and that the same be substracted from his allowance.

Prposed if this house shall make answer to his Ex<sup>cys</sup> and the hon<sup>ble</sup> the Councills Refflections in their Severall Messages.

Whereupon it was put to the vote, and Carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Comittee of Laws draw up such an address.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Whittington M<sup>r</sup> Iacob Moreland, M<sup>r</sup> Samuell Young Maj<sup>r</sup> John Lowe and M<sup>r</sup> Iames Saunders carry the afores<sup>d</sup> Bills to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and Councill. They returne and say that they have delivered the same.

The Comittee appointed to Confer with two of his Maj<sup>tys</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill Enter the house and by Cap<sup>t</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Hill they make report.

1st It was proposed by their hon what was the reason they could not comply with what was desired in an act for promotion of Learning and advancem of his Majtys free schoole of Maryland.

To which was answered that the house did aprhend that their Complyance would be a barr to the heire if any and that it would allso be a barr to the Lord promy of his right to Escheats.

2<sup>d</sup> After many arguments theire honrs were pleased to send for his Maj<sup>tys</sup> Attorney Generall who read in the Civill Laws severall p<sup>r</sup>sidents upon the reading of which the Comittee was