

charges, do humbly referr it to your Ex^{cy} discretion to continue the Rangers att New Scotland att such place as you shall think fitt until the Indians do come in, but humbly advise it may be so near the Inhabitants that they may hear any alarme upon occasion. Original
Journal.

And that upon accomodations with the Indians, Your Ex^{cy} will be please to call in those Rangers which this house do not think further necessary to be kept out.

Signed by order, W Bladen Clk: House Delegates.

Sent by M^r Henry Hawkins, M^r Thomas Staley and M^r Francis Jenkins.

Upon the petition of M^r John Gadesby leave is given to his Council to bring in a Bill to vest two tracts of land in him sold by George Norman of Ann Arundell County to the said Gadesby but never made over according to law. p. 175

House adjourned till Monday Morning 7 Clock to M^r Speakers Chamber.

Munday March the 21st 1697/8.

House mett, and called over. Absent M^r George Ashman.

A Bill for restraining the Extortions of Sherriffes Sub: Sherriffes and Deputy Comissary's, read the second time and passed.

A Bill appointing Court days in each respective County, read the 2^d time and passed.

A Bill for Reviving Cecil County process, read the 2^d time and passed.

The aforesaid Bills sent up to his Matys hon^{ble} Council by M^r Hawkins M^r Hemsley, Major Smallwood, M^r Lane, M^r Jenkins and M^r Collins.

A Bill for Stay of Executions after the 10th day of May yearly. read the first time and Comitted for amendment.

A Bill for the better dividing and laying out of S^t Pauls Parish and Shrewsbury Parish, read the first time and comitted for Amendment.

It being moved to the house that Major Iames Maxwell high Sherriffe of Baltimore County lyes dangerously sick.

The sending for the said Maxwell before this house is deferred till the next sessions.

A Letter to his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r written by a Minister of the church of England giving an Acc^t of the psumptions of popish priests in Charles County in visiting dying and phrantick persons and endeavouring to make proselytes of them and also administring the Sacrem^{ts} to them in such dying and phrantick condition.