

Munday April 29th 1700
The Councill Satt & were
Present

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The hon^{ble} Col Henry Jowles Col Charles Hutchins

The hon^{ble} { Col John Addison } Ja^s Frisby Esq^r
 { Col John Courts } Col John Hammond
 { Thomas Brooke Esq^r } Col Francis Jenkins

Then read the Petition of M^r Gerrard Slye of S^t Mary's County Craveing the Consideration of the Assembly for ^{p. 15} some Damages he sustained in the late Revolution by burning his houses, and Entreating the Explanation of the Assembly as to the Act of Limittation in Book Debts &c during his Absence in England.

The said Petition is referred to the Considera^{con} of the House of Delegates.

His Excellency is pleased to represent to the Board that whereas there are two Persons in Prison now under Sentence of Death for Burglary, and forasmuch as he is informed this is the first time they have come upon the Stage for such Misdemeanors and that what they have Stollen is but a Trifle Whether his Ma^{ty}s Mercy & Grace should be extended to them.

Whereupon the Board are of Opinion and do Advise that in Case his Ex^{ncy} should be informed of any other evil Practices Comitted or done by them that the Execution be not Suspended but that they be executed for that so many Burglarys are Dayly comitted in this Province that it is absolutely necessary some publiq Example should be made to deterr others from the like Crimes for the future.

Then was Sent to the House the following Message by Col Jowles & Col Hutchins

By his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r & Councill in Assembly
April 29th 1700.

Herewith is Sent you a Copy of a paragraph of his Ex^{ncy} the R^t hon^{ble} the Earle of Bellomonts Letter to his Ex^{ncy} The perusal and Consideracon whereof is recomended to you by this Board, and that for the better Defence & Security of this his Ma^{ty}s Province you would propose and advice what meas- ^{p. 16}ures are fittest to be taken in Case any such ill Accident should happen which is of great Consequence & Moment.

Signed p order W Bladen Cl: Concl