By the house of Delegates May the 13th 1701

May it please your Excellency.

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This house having taken into Consideration the Message of the 13th Instant by Thomas Tench Esq Col^o Addison, Thomas Brook Esq^r and Col^o John Hammond relating to the free School as to that Part wherein it is recomended to this house to consider how the best use may be made of the School House and that Care may be taken of a Convenient Place for the Council to sitt in &c.

The house have resolved to refer the Same to the Consideration of the next Sessions of Assembly, And as to that part wherein it is desired That a handsome place may be provided to lodge the publick Arms in, This house Answers that they have purchased houses of Major Edward Dorsey for that Purpose and it was Ordered that a Comittee should be appointed to go and View the said houses and reporte what repairs it wants and the Estimate of such repaires, likewise agree with any Persons that are willing to undertake the repairing thereof and make the same fitt for such uses, which Comittee reported to the house what repaires are necessary for to make the houses Serviceable and that Mr Richard Beard Willingly will undertake the said work for twelve pounds Sterl to be finished by the last of August next if yor Exery please to concur therewith.

Signed p order W Taylard Cl house Del.

The said Major Dent also brings up three Bills from the P- 35 house of Delegates Viz.

A Bill investing a Tract of Land in Dorothy Stephens sold her by Symon Wilmer to her and her heirs forever which was read the first & second Times & will Pass.

A Bill for Investing a Tract of Land in the Vestry of S^t James's Parrish which was read the first & Second times and will Pass.

A Bill for Naturalization of Peter Scampor and others which was read twice and will Pass if they be not french Papists.

Which said Bills were sent Back to the house by Robert Smith and Francis Jenkins Esq^r

His Excellency Imparts to the Board That whereas he has rec^d Information That a Certein Indian belonging to the Emperor of Piscattaway (some say his brother) has been to Apply him selfe to M^r Pen at Philadelphia who seemed to be inclinable to receive him into his Province wherefore in as much as it cannot att present be known what ill Consequences may happen to this Province from their removal thither, whether it