

Original Journal. Together with the two Bills read last night for Relief of Kent & Calvert Countys and confirming a certain writing to be the last Will & Testament of Edw^d Mann and the Secretary's Petition about Ordinarys

Came Major Dent & M^r Lloyd from the House to desire a Conference of Some Members of their House with some Members of the Council upon the Bill proposed for Establishment of religious Worship within this Province which Conference was readily granted when the House Shall think fitt, Col Addison Col Courts M^r Brook and Col Hammond appointed to Conferr with the members assigned by the House

Read their Lordships the right honourable the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations Letter to his Excellency of the 14th of August 1701 with their Excellencys the Lords Justices order for the Separate Jack to be worn by such commanders of private men of War as shall be Commissionated by this Governm^t no such Commission having been granted in this Province when any are, Care shall be taken their Excell^{ys} the Lords Justices Commands shall be complied with

Read their Lordships Letter of the 20th Aug^t 1701 and as to that part about transmitting the names of 12 Persons always to lie before their Lordships to supply the vacancies in the Council.

This Board thinks fit to represent the following Persons to his Excellency to be recommended to their Ldships viz. Lieut^t Col. Tho^s Smithson Kenelm Cheseldyn Esq^r Lieut^t Col Tho^s Smith, Col Tho^s Ennals M^r William Coursey, M^r John Hall M^r Seth Biggs Cap^t Philip Hoskins Major Walter Smith M^r William Hutchinson, M^r Samuel Young and M^r William Harris, and as to their characters this Board can give no other than that those Gentlemen have been long Livers in the Country are men of good Estates Experienced and well affected to his Ma^{ty} and this Government.

As to the other Clause relating to the Governours and the members of the Council who sit in the Court of Chancery not taking Oaths for the due Execution of Justice in that Court upon which his Excellency and the members of the Council present had administred unto them the usual Oaths taken by the Judges of that Court

The Board adjourned 'till two of the Clock in the afternoon.

Post Meridiem

The Council Sate Present as in the morning

Came M^r Chiseldyne with 10 other Members from the House with the Bill for religious Worship in this Province