

Read the Reverend Doctor Tho<sup>s</sup> Bray's Letter to his Excellency about the Law of Religion of the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1701

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And the following Paragraph thereof sent to the House with Recommendation of this board by Col Edw<sup>d</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> James Sanders viz

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I must not omitt to lett your Excellency know that the Burthen has laid extraordinary upon me I have been at a very great Charge with Council & otherwise while the Affair of that Law lay before the Board of Trade and when the Quakers could not get their Ends there but a new bill would be sent back with the Kings recommendations to be passed into a Law they did then Petition his Majesty to be heard in Council against it where I was also ordered to appear with my Council in behalf of the Country of their Proceedings and of this both now to be sent this Hearing alone did also cost me near 20lb I bless God the victory was very Easy as to the arguments and the Inclinations of the Court was & is as great as I could desire to do us right, but it is upon too unequal Terms that a Private and Single Purse must maintain the Cause of a Country against a whole Party my own Pains and Time in this Affair I willingly make an offering of together with what other Services have been done to the Country but as to mony out of Pocket in Solliciting an Affair of the greatest Importance to Maryland I shall expect to be reimbursed which was upwards of 50lb and humbly recommend it to your Excellency to represent this to the next Assembly

By his Excellency the Governour & Council  
March 23<sup>d</sup> 1701/2

The above is a Copy of a Paragraph of the Reverend Doctor Tho<sup>s</sup> Bray's Letter to his Excellency the Governour and this Board do recommend to your House that you would Consider the charge the said Doctor Bray has been at for the Service of this Province for the Credit of which it is not doubted but you will be ready to reimburse him what he mentions to have expended

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His Excellency is pleased to send for some of the Arms which were last sent for from M<sup>r</sup> Tryon which were liked of and ordered that an hundred p<sup>ds</sup> worth yearly of such arms be sent for with twenty Barrels of Powder

M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd and M<sup>r</sup> Bradley bring the bill for prohibiting the abuses of Horse and Wood Rangers which was read and agreed to and sent to the house by Col Lloyd and Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col William Holland

The Board adjourned for an houre