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Die Martis, March 24<sup>th</sup> 1701/2.

The house mett againe and were p<sup>r</sup>sent as yesterday.

Leiu<sup>t</sup> Coff<sup>o</sup> Thomas Smith enters the house, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bladen C<sup>lk</sup>: of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill enters the house and Delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Indentures for Election of Delegates for Ann Arr<sup>el</sup> County.

The paragraph of Doct<sup>r</sup> Brays Lre: and his Ex<sup>cys</sup> Message thereon read, viz:

I must not omitt to lett yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> know that the burthen has laid extraordinary upon me, I have been at very great charges w<sup>th</sup> Councill and other wise while the affaire of the Law lay before the Boarde of Trade and when the Quakers could not gett their end their but that a new bill would be sent back with the Kings recommendation to be pass'd into a Law they did then peticōn his Maty: to be heard in Councill ag<sup>t</sup> it, where I was also ordered to appeare with my Councill on the behalfe of the Countrey of their proceedings and of this Bill now to be Sent, Which hearing alone did cost me neere twenty pounds.

I bless God the victory was very easy to the Argument and the inclination of the Court was and is as great as I could desire to doe us right but It is upon too unequall terms that a private and a Single purse must maintaine the cause of the Countrey ag<sup>t</sup> a whole party my owne time and paines in this affaire I willingly make an offering of togeather with w<sup>t</sup> other Services have been done to the Countrey but as to money out of pockett in soliciteing an affaire of the greatest importance to Maryland I shall Expect to be reimbursed which was upwards of fifty pounds and I humbly recomend it to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> to represent this to the next Assembly.

By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Councill, March the 23<sup>d</sup> 1701/2

The above is a Coppy of a parragraph of the Reverend Doctor Bray's Lrē: to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and this Board doe recomend it to the house that you would consider of 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 w<sup>t</sup> he mencōns to have expended.

Signed p Order

W. Bladen C<sup>lk</sup>: Councill.

Voted whether he shall be reimbursed his money by the publick or not. Carried by the Majority of votes that he be allowed 50<sup>l</sup> Sterling in Sattisfaction of what the said Doctor Bray has disbursed in negotiating the said affaire about the Act for religious Worship.