

P. R. O. Which being read Ordered that M^r James Benson Ex^r of the said Samuell Withers be called in and that Robert Smith Esq^r be desired to attend the house

fo. 30 Thereupon the said Robert Smith Esq^r and M^r James Benson enters the house

M^r Speaker was pleased to demand of the said Doctor Benson if he had anything to Object why an Act Should not pass for Sale of the lands of M^r Withers for Paymt of his Just debts who answered that he is and allways was willing the same should be sold for that Purpose

The Same question was proposed to M^r Rob^t Smith who answered that he had a Mortgage of the same lands, notwithstanding was willing that it Should be sold for paym^t of the said Withers Debts with provisoe that the debt due to him should be first paid, but that the mortgage cannot at P^rsent be produced they are desired to withdraw and Orderd by the house that the consideration be further referred.

And for as much as the lands of M^r John Llewelin cannot at p^rsent be discovered therefore the Consideration thereof is likewise further referred.

The Gent Appointed to treat with the Visito^{rs} of the free-schoole &c^a Enters the house and delivers M^r Speaker a reporte of their proceedings therein which was read and referred till tomorrow morning for further consideration

Ordered that the Serjeant Attendant Command Thomas Reynolds Sherriff of Ann Arrundell County imediatly to attend the house

Who being called in was by M^r Speaker demanded the reason why the Publick Letters of this house were not dispatched for St Marys County according to direction he answered that he had taken all possible care he could for their Speedy Conveyance and that he had Sent them by A Messenger to Capt Thom^s Blake High Sherriff of Calvert County requireing him to forward them by all Expedition but the said Blake refusing so to doe were brought back

Whereupon M^r Thom^s Reynolds was ordered to withdraw the house

fo. 31 And for as much as the house haveing fully Examined the whole matter conceives that the neglect of Speedy Conveyance lay in M^r Thomas Blake through contempt to authority

Therefore resolved that the Serjeant Attendant to this house forthwith take the said Thomas Blake into his Custody and bring him before this house to answer the afores^d contempt which was ordered accordingly

The house adjournes till tomorrow morning nine A Clock