

By his Excellency the Governor & Council in Assembly Lib. 41.
Decemb^r 7th 1704.

Gent. The Misfortune of Ann Arundel County is particularly deplorable in the Loss of all their Records being burnt in the publick Court House and requires your best Thoughts to relieve the many Confusions & Perplexities that County lies under: Wherefore we desire your Advice and Assistance in framing some Law which may still the Minds of the Inhabitants there & confirm the Rights of several now fresh in Memory which by Length of Time may be worn out to the Prejudice of many.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Council

Upon reading the foregoing Message it is resolved by the House that Liberty is given to bring in a Bill for Relief of the Inhabitants of the said County and that the Gent. Members of the said County prepare a Bill accordingly and Message to be prepared for the Council's Concurrence.

Ordered the following Message be sent up to the Council.

By the House of Delegates Dec. 7th 1704.

Upon reading your Honors Message this Day by Col^o Holland & James Sanders Esq^{rs} for Assistance in framing a Bill for Relief of the Inhabitants of Ann Arundel County in Relation to their Records burnt in the Stadt House this House have fully considered the same and resolved that Leave is given the County to bring in a Bill for their Relief and ordered that the Delegates of the said County prepare a Bill for that Purpose to which your Hon^{rs} Concurrence is prayed.

Signed p Order W. Taylard Clk. Ho. Del.

And likewise ordered the following Message be sent Viz.

By the House of Delegates December 7th 1704.

This House finding some Agreement has been made about the House of Col^o Edward Dorsey, for Assembly & Provincial Courts to sit in but lies in the Hands of Col^o Hammond which could not readily be laid before the House: Therefore Col^o Dorsey being present proposes to lease the House with two Lots to the Public for their Use one year certain for twenty Pounds Sterling & so at that Rate for any longer Time to which this House concurred and prays the Concurrence of his Excellency & Council Signed p Order

W. Taylard Clk. Ho. Del.