

imported is pleased to ask the Advice of the General Assembly whether on due Consideration thereof, are not apparent Reasons her Majesty's Loyal good Subjects should be apprehensive of that growing Evil and more especially since these sort of People are seated in Great Numbers in Baltimore County and at the Head of the Bay Frontiers of this Province most liable to the Invasion of the common Enemy; wherefore in Case the Country thinks this deserves their Notice his Ex<sup>ty</sup> desires they will advise what Measures are to be taken for the Prevention thereof for that the Duty of twenty shillings p Poll is not any Discouragement to that Importation and whether it be not reasonable by some Law to forbid the Sale of Protestant Servants to Masters of the Romish Church they being generally seduced in their Religion or otherwise misused in their Persons.

Signed p Order

W Bladen Cl. Council

Which being read it's resolved that a Bill be prepared to forbid the Sale of any Protestant Servants to any [master of the] Romish Church.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Annapolis read with the Indorsement from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council and resolved that this House cannot concur with the Indorsment for that they are of opinion the Inhabitants thereof ought to lay out their Lots at their own proper Charge.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Saunders Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Council enters the House and delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Lords of Trade and Plantations Letter together with Sir Thomas Lawrence's Pet<sup>r</sup> relating to Ordinary Licenses.

Referred till Afternoon for Consideration

The House adjourns till two O'Clock Afternoon.

Post Meridiem The House met according to Adjournment, and were psent as before in the Morning M<sup>r</sup> William Stone's Letter of Excuse read & allowed of by the House.

The Paragraph of his Excellency's Speech relating to Ports and Towns being read & debated Put to the Question whether Ports and Towns shall be erected in this Province or not? Carried in the Affimative and resolved a Bill be prepared and laid before the House for that Purpose.

The Paragraph in the same Speech relating to protested Bills &<sup>ca</sup> being also read and debated it's Resolved a Conference with some of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council on this Subject be desired. And ordered the following Message be sent up to them for that Purpose.