

Notice be given to all Persons concerned to attend the House Lib. 41.
at that Time to prosecute the Petition.

Pursuant to the Order of this House appeared M^{rs} Deborah Ridgely to make her Objections against a Bill of George Harris; and the said M^{rs} Ridgely informed the House that her Father will be here this Night who is assistant to her in all her Affairs. Therefore prayed the same may be further referred till the morning which was granted by the House and she withdrew

Bill preventing the sin of Fornication. Indorsed.

Ordered M^r James Hay and M^r Peter Watts carry it up to his Excellency and Council for their Concurrence. They return & say they delivered the Bill.

James Saunders Esq^r from the Honble Council enters the House & delivers M^r Speaker Bill for preventing the Sin of Fornication. Indorsed April 11th 1706. By the Council in Assembly Read the first Time.

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M^r Edward Blay, M^r Robert Skinner, M^r John Leach, & M^r John Jones, M^r William Watts, and M^r Peter Watts, view the work of rebuilding the Stadt House and make Report to the House in what Condition the same is and if the Work be done in workmanlike manner.

Bill for preventing the Sin of Fornication read the second Time & do pass.

Brought into the House a Petition of the Roman Catholicks; which was ordered to be entered as follows.

To the Honble the House of Assembly now sitting.

The humble Petition of the Roman Catholicks hereunto subscribing on Behalf of themselves and the rest of the Roman Catholicks of this Province, Sheweth

That upon Application heretofore made by the said Roman Catholicks to this Honble House for Repeal of an Act entituled an Act to prevent the further Growth of Popery in this Province whereby the Toleration and Freedom of Conscience allowed here since the first settling this Plantation was unfringed the House moved by a Christian Temper and out of their commendable Inclination to Moderation suspended by another Act the Execution of the former for Eighteen months or until the Queen's Pleasure were further known. That the said Eighteen months are now near expired and the Queen's Pleasure not yet signified (being retarded as may be rationally supposed) by her Majesty being at this Juncture intent upon the Consideration and Settlement of more weighty Affairs and Opportunities of hearing out of England offering