

L. H. J. But we hope we have hereby shown Reason to incline your Majesty not only to favour this Bill but any other that may be devised to secure our Goods from such Rapine and Plunder and in a special Manner to extend your Royal Favour to support us which favour we stand in need of above all your Subjects because we think we are the most imposed upon by the Owners and Hirers of Ships and the least able to help ourselves.

p. 330 It is further taken Notice of that we have dropt an Act against the Divulgers of false News, which was of a very large Extent and by Experience found to be rather hurtful by becoming a Snare to simple, ignorant and unwary People and abused by malicious Informers to that Purpose then applyed to the Punishment of malicious ill disposed People, so that it has been a good while ago let fall by former Assemblies and thought not fit to be renewed since there is other good Laws to bring them to Punishment who shall any Ways maliciously promulge any Thing done in Derogation of y^r Matys Hon^r which shall be always dear to y^r Maty's mo. Dutiful

Ordered That the Committee of Laws cause the same to be fairly written

The Matter in Debate last Night relating to the Charter of the City of Annapolis Wornell Hunt Esq. and William Bladen Esq^r Aldermen thereof and Councillors at Law and Delegates for the said City proceed to answer the Objections against the Charter and prayed the same may be loged with the Clerk of this House in Writing

M^r Macnemara on Behalf of the Petitioners replied thereto

The Petitioners and Delegates for the said City with the Aldermen and Common Councilmen were all Ordered to withdraw and being withdrawn. The House debated the whole Matter and Resolved That the Question be put Whether or no the Governor had Power to grant the Charter in Manner and fform as it is granted? Carried Nemine Contradicente in the Negative.

M^r Lynes from the Council enters the House and delivers M^r Speaker the Petition of Joseph and Benjamin Harris of Calvert County praying Leave to bring in a Bill to empower them to sell a Tract of Land in Talbot County left them by their Father and entailed on the Heirs of their Bodies and with the Money thereby arising to purchase other Lands in Calvert County. Indorsed thus.

By his Excy & Council in Assembly October 2^d 1708

The within Petition being read at this Board the Consideration thereof is referred to the House of Delegates.

Signed p Order Evan Jones Cl. Council