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Courts at S^t Marys being represented by the Grand Jury of that County as a great agrievance to the Major Part of the Inhabitants there doe recomend to the house of Del: that a Short Act of Assembly be made for appointing the said Court house to be built at a Small Towne to be Erected at Britains Bay, being within two miles of the Center of the whole County, and the better to Enable the said County to build such new Court house that Com^{rs} be appointed to make a good Sale of the Court House at S^t Marys Towne; and the Present Interest of the country to one hundred Acres of Land there and the Rent and Reversion of the Country house saving the Rights of Peticular Persons, who have built and taken up Lotts and paid for the same, there being 30000^l tob^o offered therefore, which is conceived will be Sufficient to build a Convenient Court house for the said County.

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Council

p. 33 The Boarde Adjourned for an hour

Post Meridiem

The Councill Sate Present as in the morning

M^r Skinner and M^r Macall came up with Henry Roberts Petition referred by the last to this Session of Assembly & desire this Board would receive Satisfaction thereto before the Bill prayed for be brought in.

Then Came M^r John Duvall before his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r & Councill and Declared that M^{rs} Eliza. Finley had Informed him Capt. Silvester Welch had lett Daniell Wells about Christmas last have three pounds of Powder which Wells powered upon his hand and sayd it was the Countrys Powder.

M^r Duvall says he believes Wells Intended to goe away with Clarke because he Striped no Tobacco but lett it Spoile.

M^{rs} Eliza. Finley came and made Oath before his Ex^{ncy} the Governour in Councill That Daniel Wells had three pounds of Powder which Silvester Welches negro that workes at Coopering brought him from his Master. That Wells powered it upon his hand and said it was the Countrys Powder.

After which he put it in a Gourd and lockt it up in a Chest And that She Saw it two or three days before Wells went
p. 34 away & Some Swann Shott which She observed was not in the Chest after he was gone.

And further that Arnold the Son of Charles Harrison came and called Wells out not Long before he went and that Wells stayd abroad from Thursday to Saturday and that he was at Annapolis for two or three days together. She Saw Wells have two false Dollars Supposed to be of Clarks making