

they delivered their Message. Then was sent to the Com- L. H. J.  
mittee of Laws the Petition of Justus Engleheard Kitchin, the  
Petition of John Hyde and Sarah Gandy, Tackahoe Petition,  
Somerset County Petition and several Papers relating to Sir  
Thomas Lawrence. Tee Honble W<sup>m</sup> Coursey and Philip  
Lynes Esq<sup>rs</sup> from the Council enter the House and deliver M<sup>r</sup>  
Speaker the following Message

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly  
December 6<sup>th</sup> 1708

His Excellency and this Board having considered the House's  
Reason for referring the Settlement of Itinerant Justices to  
the next Sessions are well satisfied therewith.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co

Read the Petition of James Roberts of Calvert County  
praying to be naturalized which was granted and Leave given  
to bring in a Bill as prayed The Honble Col<sup>o</sup> William Coursey,  
Thomas Greenfield and Philip Lynes Esq<sup>rs</sup> enter the House  
and deliver M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Petition of Madam Mary Contee  
praying Leave to bring in a Bill to make valid the last Will  
and Testament of her late Husband, John Contee Esq.  
deceased with several Depositions proving the same to be his  
Will being read Leave is given to bring in a Bill as prayed.

The Honble Samuel Young Esq<sup>r</sup> enters the House and de-  
livers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Deposition of Nathaniel Smith with the  
following Message

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly  
December 6<sup>th</sup> 1708

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Young the publick Treasurer of the Western  
Shore having informed his Excellency of a short Entry made  
at Patuxent of Negroes imported in the Dolphin Roger Car-  
naby Commander Anno 1704 upon M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Smith's  
Examination it appears thirty five Negroes were held back and  
concealed for which Satisfaction ought to be made M<sup>r</sup> William p. 176  
Lane one of the Importers having Effects now in the Country  
on which Occasion we desire the House's Advice and  
Direction.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

The Honble Major General Lloyd and Col<sup>o</sup> Coursey from  
the Council enter the House and deliver M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the