

The within Petition being read at the Board is referred to the L. H. J. House of Delegates and it's recommended that M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd and M<sup>r</sup> Tilghman and other Gentlemen in Town be heard to the Petition.  
Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

Likewise Ordered the Petition of the Inhabitants of Queen Ann's County be read with the Indorsment and a Message that came with it as follows Viz.

That whereas the Platt or Draft of Queen Ann's County having been laid before this Board and the same fully inspected into and debated thereon, it was the unanimous Opinion of the said Board that the Plantation of Major John Hawkins in Coursey's Creek being nearest the Center of the said County is the most proper and convenient Place for the Town and Court House to be fixt on Therefore it is referred to the House of Delegates for their Consideration Likewise the Plat of Talbot County laid before the Board as above together with the Petition of the Inhabitants of the said County for the Court House being fixt at the Town of Doncaster in Wye River, which has also been inspected into, and the Opinion of the said Board given that the said Town of Doncaster is the most proper and convenient Place for the said Court House to be fixed. Which is likewise referred to the Consideration of the House of Delegates. Signed p Order

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And thereupon M<sup>r</sup> Philemon Lloyd, M<sup>r</sup> Tilghman and M<sup>r</sup> Wright were called into the House appeared and M<sup>r</sup> Speaker having heard what they had to say on that Petition they withdrew. Which being debated, Put to the Question whether a Town and the County Court House shall be erected and settled on the Plantation of M<sup>r</sup> John Hawkins in Coursey's Creek, or not?

Carried by Majority of Votes that a Town be erected at M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins Plantation in Coursey's Creek and the Court House to be built and fixt there.

Resolved a Town be erected on the Land of M<sup>r</sup> William Sweatnam in Coursivall Creek in Chester River

The Hoñble Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> enters the House and delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Message relating to M<sup>r</sup> Dumer's Proposals referred to further Consideration

The Petition of some Inhabitants of Talbot County for settling the Court House brought in by Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd and M<sup>r</sup> William Coursey together with a Draught or Platt of Talbot and Queen Ann's County, being read in the House

Ordered M<sup>r</sup> Sherwood, M<sup>r</sup> Robert Finely, M<sup>r</sup> Ward, and p. 109 Major Hawkins attend the House to speak to the Petition.