

L. H. J. It's resolved that M^r William Bladen the Undertaker of building the Prison do make good what is deficient.

Proposed by a Member whether it be not for the Good and Benefit of the Country that 6^d Part of the 9^d p Gall. the Duty on Rum be taken off, it's thought to be beneficial.

Therefore resolved the same be taken off as proposed.

Kenelm Chesydine and James Sanders Esq^r enters the House and delivers M^r Speaker a Message together with a Representation of the Grand Jury of Saint Mary's County for removing the Court House; the Consideration whereof is further referred. The House adjourns till two O'Clock Afternoon

Post Meridiem.

The House met again according to Adjournment and being called over were present as in the Morning.

The Petition of John Nicholls praying Leave to bring in a Bill of some Lands of Edmondson's for Payment of a Debt due to him was again read and debated and ordered to be indorsed thus Viz^t April 2nd 1707 Upon reading the Petition this House find that a Law has already past for Major Lowe to dispose of the Land therefore this House thinks fit to proceed no further therein

Signed p Order W. Taylard Cl. Ho. Del.

The Petition of Henry Roberts referred to this Session was read in the House with the Indorsment from the Council and ordered the following Message be likewise indorsed on the Petition Viz.

By the House of Delegates April 2nd 1707

May it please your Excellency, This House taking into Consideration the Petition of Henry Roberts and the Indorsment thereon from your Excellency and Honble Council do think it proper to send the Petition back to your Excellency and Honours in Order to have the Examination begin before you where the witnesses may be examined upon Oath and then sent to this House in Order to give this House Satisfaction that a Bill may be brought in as prayed by the Petition

Signed p Order W Taylard Cl. Ho. Del.

Which being read it's ordered M^r Leach and M^r Mackall carry up the same to his Excellency and Council. They return and say they delivered the same.

The Gentlemen appointed to view the Prison &^{ts} having made their Report to this House is ordered to be read and entered as followeth.