

By the Committee for viewing the Prison.

L. H. J.

April 2nd 1707

It is reported to the House that in Obedience to the order of the House we have viewed the said Prison and do find the same as to the Stone Work to be according to the Agreement made with M^r William Bladen upon the Journals of the House the 19th of July 1699 and May 17th 1701, but as to the Timber work we find the Joists are not of so large a Scantling as p the said Agreement is required and the Distance between them is from Eight to twelve Inches when by the Agreement they ought to be but six. As to the Roof we find it very defective there being but seven Pair of Rafters in the whole and no Ceiling in the Roof whereas by the Agreement it ought to be ceiled with Oak Inch Plank throughout the whole Roof. p. 113

We are also of Opinion that to make the said Prison sufficient there be a Joist put in between every one of the Joists already laid of six or seven Inches square that the Plank be well and sufficiently nailed to all the Joists and that there be a Purloyn well fixed under the Ceiling Joists and two good Rafters from the Purloyns to the End of the Joists on both sides the House betwixt each Pair of Rafters already placed. And as many ceiling Joists and two Studs betwixt every Stud already up to be ceiled all round the Roof and under the ceiling Joists with Inch Oak Plank well nailed.

Signed p Order Richard Dallam Cl. Com.

Which Report being read the House find that M^r William Bladen the Undertaker has not performed his Agreement with the Country. Therefore it's resolved he make good what is deficient as reported

The Message of this Day brought in by Kenelm Chesylidine and James Sanders Esq^r was read and ordered to be entered Viz.

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly

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This Board having been several Times importuned by divers Petitions from the County of Saint Mary's to have the Court House of the said County appointed in the Center thereof the holding of Courts at Saint Mary's being represented by the Grand Jury as a great Aggrievance to the major Part of the Inhabitants there do recommend to the House of Delegates that a short Act of Assembly be made for appointing the said Court House to be built at a small Town to be erected at Briton's Bay being within two miles of the Center of the whole County and the better to enable the said County to build such