

L. H. J. cannot advise his Excellency to sent to the several Counties, any more than what may be thought necessarily requisite for a competent Supplement But that pursuant to her Majesty's Royal Instructions a Place of Arms or publick Magazine of Arms and Ammunition be kept at the Towns and Port of Annapolis where the Arms and Ammunition may be well preserved and on all Occasions be distributed and applied as his Excellency shall see fit, and this being the Seat of Govern<sup>t</sup> where her Majesty's Governor resides and the Courts of Justice are kept, and Records lodged, it will be highly necessary the House would consult some Measures for the Safety of the said Magazine here at this Town and Port. And in Order thereto since we cannot think the publick Arms well secured in the Place where at present lodged; therefore it is proposed (if the House are willing) the said Arms may be lodged in some of the spare Rooms of the Court House where they will be far more secure from Fire and preserved from the Dampness of the Air which occasions them to rust; and that a select Number of Arms belonging to Ann Arundel County be hung up in the Court House and fixed by Iron Bars and Pad Locks that they may not be handled or taken down, unless by those who have Authority so to do.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

Which foregoing Message by Col<sup>o</sup> Hammond &<sup>ta</sup> being again read it is resolved to be answered as follow Viz.

By the House of Delegates April 5<sup>th</sup> 1707

In Answer to the Message wherein 'tis proposed that a Room in the Court House be ordered for the Reception of the publick Arms this House do approve thereof and that the Room appointed for the Petit Juries be set apart for that Purpose, but as to the Arms applyed to the particular Use of Ann Arundel County, being laid up in the Court Room the House think that will not be convenient, but that the said Arms may be put into the Room where the publick Arms are appointed to be kept, if his Excellency do approve thereof. And as to the Security of Ammunition this House do pray a Conference with her Majesty's Council in Order to settle that Matter

Signed p Order W Taylard Cl. Ho. Del.

p. 122 Sent up by M<sup>r</sup> Frisby, M<sup>r</sup> Hodson, M<sup>r</sup> Howe, M<sup>r</sup> John Jones, M<sup>r</sup> Grey, and M<sup>r</sup> Woolford

They return and say they delivered the Message.

The Committee of Aggrievances enter the House and report as followeth Viz.