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By the Governor and Council in Assembly
June 28th 1714

We think fit to recommend to you that whereas sundry Statutes of that Part of her Majesty's Kingdom of Great Britain called England have been found very useful and beneficial within this her Majesty's Province of Maryland both in Causes civil and criminal and for that it hath been often observed that many of the aforesaid good and beneficial Statutes of England not being local but seeming general have sometimes been asserted as Law and at other Times denied as such as well by the Lawyers in this Province as the several Courts wherein they have been pleaded and offered which p. 446 renders the Law in this Province very dubious and uncertain, Whether it is not absolutely necessary the several Courts should be well informed how to give their Judgments upon the said Statutes and therefore if it is not advisable your House should join with this Board to state this matter and to direct our Agent to procure the Opinion of some of her Majesty's Council at Law and two other eminent Lawyers whether the said Statutes of England are in Force within this Province or not; to the End her Majesty's Subjects here may know by what Rule they walk and the several Courts of Law how to render their Judgments thereon.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Con.

It is thereupon Ordered to be referred to be considered of to Morrow.

An ingrossed Bill for settling a Revenue on her Majesty's present Governor was read, Ordered to be endorsed thus viz.

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Read and assented to by the House of Delegates &
Signed p Order Tho. Macnemara Cl. Ho. Del.

Sent up to her Majesty's Council by M^r Garrett, Major Sprigg, M^r James Mackall, M^r Lloyd, Capt Scott and M^r Robins.
They return and say they delivered the Bill
The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning 8 O'Clock

Tuesday Morning the 29th Day of June 1714

Then the House met again according to Adjournm^t Present as yesterday

Then was read what was done yesterday