

Wednesday May the 25<sup>th</sup> 1715

U. H. J.

The honble his Majesty's Council Sate Present as yesterday

M<sup>r</sup> Mariartee and M<sup>r</sup> Hill brought up the Act for publication of Marriages Endorsed Viz

By the House of Delegates  
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May It please your Honour—

On reading the Bill again & considering that all the Dis- p. 97  
sinters from the Church of England are by this Act to publish their Bands according to the Rubrick of the Church of England We think It just & highly necessary that a Proviso be added to this Act That nothing therein contained shall extend to debar any Dissenters or other Persons not being of the Communion of the Church of England they being White Persons from publishing contracting & solemnizing Matrimony among themselves as they usually do, any thing in this Act to the Contrary notwithstanding And pray your Honour's Concurrence

Which being read at the Board proposed that the Act now in force for publication of all Marriages be only Revised and not Re Enacted, And the Bill being so Endorsed was sent to the Delegates by Col Greenfield

Col Maxwell & M<sup>r</sup> Hudson brought up the Bill for appointing Court Days Read in their House with the Amendments proposed by this Board & by them agreed thereto. Whereupon the s<sup>d</sup> Bill was read the second Time & the Concurrence of this Board Endorsed thereto; And sent to the Delegates by the honble Col Young.

A Bill for vesting in the Rectors Governours & Visitors of the Free Schools & their Successours for ever a certain Lott of Land in the City of Annapolis and an House thereon Erected commonly called the Kentish House, And empowering the Rectors & Visitors more easily to transact the Business of the said Free schools was read the first Time

And a Bill for directions of Sherriffs in their Offices & p. 98  
Restraining of their Ill practices within this Province Read in their House the first & second times and Endorsed will pass

On Consideration of the message from the Delegates by Major Ward and three other Delegates on the 19<sup>th</sup> Instant relating to the Fines on Ordinary Licences

Resolved the following Message be sent to the House of Delegates Viz