

By the Upper House of Assembly
Aprill 24th 1718.

L. H. J.

The within peticon being read at this Board is left to the Consideracon of The Lower House of Assembly.

Signed p Ord^r Jn^o Beard Cl: Up: ho:

Philip Eilbeck's Petition thus endorst viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly
Aprill the 25th 1718.

The within Petition being read in this house is referr'd to the Consideracon of the Lower House of Assembly.

Signed p Order Jn^o Beard Cl: Up: ho:

The peticon of Thomas Reynolds Gent. ag^t M^r Jn^o Brannock p. 16
a Member of this House was read and referred till to morrow Morning.

The House adjourns till to morrow morning Eight of the Clock.

Saturday Ap^l 26th 1718

The house meets according to Adjmt^t

Yesterdays proceedings are read.

Whereas it is represented that the Roman Catholicks are very numerous already and daily encreasing in this Province so that tis feared they may for the future Occasion great Disturbance by electing roman Catholicks or their Adherents to serve as Delegates in Assemblies ag^t the Peace and Safety of this Province.

Resolved that a Supplementary Bill to the Act directing the manner of electing & Sumoning Delegates &c be brought in to prevent any persons from having Votes in Elections who shall refuse to take the Oaths and Subscribe the Test According to the Directions of the Act for the better Security of the Peace and Safety of his L^{pps} Government &c^a And Ordered the Comittee of Laws prepare the Bill.

Major Bradford on his Motion has leave to go home for that his House and Papers to a considerable Value has been lately burnt so that necessity obliges him to be at home in order to Settle what Accounts he can be informed of.

The Petitions of Robert Heigh of Calvert County and the pet^o of Phill Eilbeck of Kent County were read and the Allegations being made Appear, Leave is given to bring in a Bill as prayd and Ordered the Comittee of Laws prepare the Bill. p. 17