

published on the 14th of December last) His Lordship would not have dissented to it but for the Reasons therein mentioned and indeed I cannot see how his Lordship could do otherwise; for by a Statute of the 4th of our most gracious Sovereign King George relating to Convicts (which Statute by Express words reaches all the Plantations) the Contractors with the Crown are Empowered to Transport them, and sell them for the Term of Years they are Judged for; then they become the property of the Purchasers but if according to our Late Act, the purchaser (upon refusing to give the Security therein mentioned) were to have those Servants put in Prison their Property would then certainly be invaded which is an Evil to be Avoided; I could heartily wish they were sent to any other of his Majestys Plantations but while we purchase they will send them, and we bring the Evil upon our selves

Cha: Calvert

Which Dissent and letter being read are sent down to the Lower House by John Rousby Esq^r who returns and says he Delivered them. p. 26

Benjamin Tasker Esq^r appointed on the Committee for viewing the Stadt House gave in the Report of the Committee to this House which being read is as follows viz.

By the Committee appointed to View the work of the Stadt House 15 Oct^r 1725

We of the Committee having Viewed the work of the Stadt house Report that the plaistering in the Passage on the Upper floor is not done Workmanlike, that some part of the Plaistering in the Assembly Office is very slight and that the Plaistering by the Turrett door is not Completed.

Also Report that the plaistering of the Passage and all the Offices of the first Floor Except the Commissarys are very rough and indifferently done, that the Plaistering at the head of the Stairs is very indifferently done that the floor of the Court House and Front Porch are not laid that the holes in the Walls where the Scaffolding was affixt are not stopt, that the Plaistering of the whole wants to be better white wash'd and the Stadt House wants Still to be rough Cast

Signed p Order John Gibson Cl Com.

This House Adjourns till to Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

Saturday Morning October the 16th 1725

Met again according to Adjournment