

County and for Ascertaining the bounds thereof, Which was read L. H. J. the first time and Ordered to Lye on the Table.

M^r Joshua George Delivered to M^r Speaker a Bill Entituled an Act to Supply some Defects in a Deed of Bargain & Sale from Edward Warner late of London in the Kingdom of Great Britain Deceased to William Husbands late of Cecil County Deceased of two Tracts of Land Viz. The one Called Stillington and the other called Chance both lying and being in Cecil County, Which bill was read the first and Second time by an Especial Order and passed, And sent to the Upper house by Coll^o Herman and M^r Knight who return and say they Delivered the same

The House Adjourns 'till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon

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Friday Afternoon August 27th 1731.

The House met according to Adjournment

The Members were Called and all Present as in the Morning. Daniel Dulany Esq^r from the Committee Appointed to Inspect the Condition of the Common Gaol of Annapolis brought in the following Report.

By the Committee Appointed to Inspect the Condition of the Common Gaol of Annapolis August 27th 1731.

Your Committee having Enquired in the best Manner we could, into the Condition of the said Gaol, find it to be a building of Stone about thirty feet Long from out to out, And about twenty feet wide from out to out Consisting of two Rooms, one below of the whole length & breadth of the building laid with a Substantial Oak plank floor and having a fire place but no Window or other Inlet for the Air on the south Side, or at Either of the Gable Ends but on the North side are two small Windows and one Door.

The room above hath a fire place, but no Window or other Inlet for the Air on the North or South sides, but one small Window in one Gable End and two in the Other, the floor and Ceiling or lining in Decay.

No conveniency for the Prisoners to Ease themselves but one Spout or Pipe Above and another below at the Western Gable End of the building, where there is a pit or hole to receive the Excrements alway [being] open and very Offensive to the prisoners themselves, the Neighbours and all that pass thereby.

Your Committee have been well Informed that many People have Actually died in the said Gaol, of distempers Contracted there, and several soon after they have been Enlarged have also died of Distempers which they Contracted likewise in the said Gaol before the Present Sherriff Came into the Office; And Since his coming in Six People have Died of Distempers they got during their Imprisonment.