

(on Saturday Night being the 2 of April. Instant as
 this Deposition was making in the State house Mr. Phelps
 (Clark entered into discourse with him and said he
 wondered that his Excellency did not keep Old Randolph
 with him for that the said Randolph was a good Scholar
 & further told him that if his Excellency had advised with
 him he might have had any thing done in the Assembly he
 proposed to procure & that these papers might have
 been ended long before Mr. Bladen. Said that the pur-
 pose of what he now said to be told to Major John Ham-
 mond Mr. H. Hensly and several other Members of
 the house of Delegates

Major James Maxwells Deposition about
 Anne Nichols read & sworn to by the said Major
 Maxwell in Council Ordered that the said Deposition
 together with Thomas Browns formerly taken Relat^d
 should be referred to his Majestys Lawyers to consult &
 advise what is proper to be done & whether it may not
 be convenient that the Governor of Pennsylvania be sent
 to about it

Ordered that the Journals of the Committee of Laws
 & Committees of Grievances be produced at the meeting
 of the Council next week -

Henry Smith of Baltimore County his petition
 for remittance of a Fine referred to his Majestys Law
 yeas & Geo. Pater Esq^r the Kings Receiver sent to do thereon
 as they see proper

At a Council held at the Court of
 Annapolis April the 14 1698

Present
 His Excellency the Governor &c