

Limitation may not exceed two years as formerly this Board Concur with  
Signed G. Order John Lewellin Clerk.

Adjourn for half an hour

Met again and present as before

Doctor Brook and Mr. Hammond from the house with these following Bills Viz:

An Act of Recognition &c

An Act for Limitations of Actions &c Amended

An Act against foreign Ingrossers

An Act for the Preservation of Harbours &c

all endorsed Viz: Read and passed 2. time

Doctor Brook and Mr. Innalls from the house present these following Bills

An Act for the Inrollment of Conveyances and Securing the Estates of Purchasers

Endorsed Viz: = Read and passed the first Reading

An Act for Marking high ways and making the heads of Rivers Creeks Branches  
or Swamps, passable for horse and foot thus endorsed Viz: Read and passed first Reading —

Adjourn till to Morrow so a flock

May the 20th 1692 Met in the Council Chamber

His Excellency the Governor

The honorable { Coll Nehemiah Blackstone } Coll David Brown }  
{ Coll George Robotham } Captain John Courts }  
{ Coll Charles Hutchins } Mr. Thomas Brooke }

Produced and Ordered to be read a Letter from Major Beale as follows Viz:

May the 19th 1692 Western Branch

May it Please Your Excellency

I have here sent you the News inclosed that came to me, I am just now going up,  
and will be as carefull as I can till further Order from your Honour and Council I do  
intend to keep out Ranging back of the Plantations till further Orders in hast, I remain  
To his Excellency the Cap. Gen. & Chief Governor in and over  
the Province of Maryland } Your Excellency's Servant to Command whilst I am  
Ninian Beale —

Major Ninian Beale } These post hast for their Majestys Service

Honoured Sir This is to acquaint you that last night about 11 or 12 a flock  
Came two Men from Mr. Ousleys to Captain Addison to give Notice that about 3 a flock  
in the afternoon Mr. Ousleys Negro Woman going betwixt the Lower and upper house was  
almost killed by two Indians and hath two wounels in her head, and a piece of Skin the  
breadth of a Crown piece of her Skull, and Stabed under the right Breast, which  
wound is thought to be mortall and Stabed quite through one Arm, with several other  
Small wounds, a Cooper being at a Little Distance heard her cry out, who with another  
Man with him made towards her, which frighted them away and in a Little time  
Mr. Ousley being out, came home with his Ranging Party and eleven Pipe smoking Indian  
with him, who immediately went after them, & found where they had Camped near a house  
The Indians say they think by the footing there is ten of them, they pursued them so hard that  
they dropt several things s. pair of Mochasoons, one Stick like a back sword much like