

Said Letters was found or not no otherways then that he did hear the said Richard say that such a Paquet of Letters had been taken out of his Chest

Nicholas Greenberry

James Saunders

William Hopkins

Whereupon it is the Opinion of this Board and Ordered that Coll Nicholas Greenberry do (cause to come before ^{him} the afore named Francis Perkins and (if he be bound back for England this Shipping) to take his Deposition what he knows in the premises otherwise if he shall Continue in the Country to bind him to the next Provincial Court to Testifie the same Under Oath.

Summons also to issue to Edward Selks to appear at the next Provincial Court to Testifie the Truth of his knowledge on behalf of their Majestys and to answer what shall be proposed to them, the said Summons to be directed both to the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County and of Baltimore County

The like Summons to Richard Wharfield to Ann Arundell County

A Message from the house by Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Boothby & Mr. Hopkins Viz.

By the house of Assembly 21st May 1692.

This house do think Convenient that every County Court within this Province should have an Escutcheon & Seal with his Majestys Coat of Arms thereon belonging to it, And do therefore humbly desire your Excellency will be pleased to give Order for the same to be brought in, and that the Name of the Counties to which each Seal shall Belong be put Round the said Seal and the Charge thereof, this house has Ordered shall be reimbursed by the said Counties.

Signed by Order Henry Denton Clk of Assembly

Together with the foregoing Message was delivered these following Bills Viz.

An Act relating to the Seizure of Tobacco, by the Sheriff Endorsed Viz.

May the 21 1692 read and passed first Reading

An Act concerning Negroes and Slaves, read the first time and it is the Opinion of this Board that imposing Slavery on the Children of white People is too severe, recommend the same to be Moderated, and the time of servitude limited as formerly to 31 years

The Act for restraining the unreasonable Increase of Horses & read first time

Mr. Winn, Mr. Fasher & Mr. Mason from the house with the Address sent them, they Approve of the same with the Amendment in the Title of the Freemen of their Majestys Province of Maryland by their representatives in a General Assembly met together, as it is before Entered; instead of the Freemen of their Majestys Province of Maryland Generally Assembled and met together, as the same was before that expressed

Summons Ordered for John Satter to appear before the Board to Testify against Mr. Sillingsstone, the same issued as follows Viz.

By his Excellency the Governor and Council 21 May 1692

Ordered that the Sheriff of Talbot County do forth with upon Signet and give Notice to John Satter of Talbot County Landholder, that all Leases & covenants and appear before this Board; or before his Excellency the Governor with all such Speed to answer and Testify the Truth of his knowledge to such matters and things as shall be proposed unto him on Behalf of their Majestys, which if he is not so furnished