

Debts May 21th 1692 Read the first time

An Act for Quieting Possessions May 21th read first time

Coll: Jocola and Coll Brown sent to the house, with this following Message, & the severall Bills relating thereto and read this Day in this house Vizt.

By his Excellency the Governor & Council in Assembly.

May the 21th 1692.

Whereas in the time of Governor Holley (amongst other Acts then passed severall private Bills in favour of severall Aliens Inhabitants of this Province, for their Naturalization, and for which they duly paid and satisfied their fees and charges accruing; were afterwards by the Lord Baltimore unadvisedly by Mistake or otherwise Dissented, annulled and made Void and the Parties thereby deprived of the Benefit thereof notwithstanding their great charges and expences therein, this Board think fit to recommend the same to the Consideration of the house in giving Relief to the Persons concerned by passing a new Act this Session for that purpose.

In the Act concerning those servants that have Bastards the Imposition of Marriage seems to this Board too severe and unreasonable, and therefore instead thereof, they do propose the Obliging the Party to Indemnify and save harmless the County from charge & as in the said Act is specified - The Allowance made for the Grand Jurors this Board do think it more proper to be Ordered and paid to the Sheriff of St. Maries County, Obliging him to take care for their Accommodation and be Accountable to them for the same, rather than leave them to the Management of an Ordinary keeper to be treated as he shall think fit

Signed p. Order John Lovelace C.

The Act against the Divulgers of false News being of great Import & Concernment to the Peace of the Province, this Board conceives it not strict and full enough to prevent the Inconveniency arising from the Breach thereof, and therefore desire the house to take the same again into their Consideration.

Adjourn for an hour

Met again as before.

Also Capt: Addison and Capt: Courts make their appearance

Ordered to be read the severall Bills last brought by Mr: Clark and Mr: Dorsey and accordingly were read Vizt.

An Act for Publication of Marriage first time

The Act for the Constables taking the list of Taxables first time

The Act for Appointment of certain Officers first time the Act of Parliament to be read

The Act for easement of the Inhabitants in Suits at Law Vizt. first time.

The Act for Quieting Possessions &c. first time.

By the Governor & Council in Assembly 24 May 1692

In the Act for appointment of certain Officers the penalty imposed therein specified for refusing to take the Oaths or not to be taken, and for refusing to serve, the same Penalty as in the said Act for appointment of Officers is set down

Signed p. Order

The Bill for relief of Negroes and Slaves not being yet offered so that a Message be drawn up and sent to the house to put them in