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Saturday October 13 1694 ✓

Council again here and were all Present

Mr Attorney Generals Report to this Board upon the petition of Thomas Courtney formerly husband of Martha that the said petition and Report be referred to the House of Burgesses for their consideration

We pray from the House by Captain Peter W. Hutchinson Mr Hutchins and Captain Thompson who say that they have brought several bills which have been read both in the House of Burgesses and here and that the several Amendments recommended are made and so they proceeded to Engraving the same and have since again been read and passed this House Asent and are now presented for the Asent of their Majestys honorable Council

Read and Answer of the House of Burgesses to a Certain Address made by the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Common Council Men to his Excellency intouching about removing the provincial Court from Saint Marys which said Address and Answer is as follows viz

To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq Captain General and Governor in chief in and Over this their Majestys Province and Territory of Maryland

The humble Address of the Mayor Recorder Aldermen Common Council men and Freemen of the City of Saint Marys In the said Province And principally from the bottom of their hearts they Congratulate your Excellency happy Accession to this your Government and sincerely pray for your peaceable and quiet enjoyment thereof and long and prosperous continuance therein for the glory of God their Majestys Service the good and benefit of their Subjects and your own particular Comfort and Satisfaction

From whence they proceed humbly to supplicate your Excellencies Grace and Favour in Granting and Continuing to them their ancient Freeman Chises rights and Priviledges Granted them by their Charter with such other Benefits and Advantages as hath been accustomed and usually allowed and from time to time confirmed to them by your predecessors Rulers and Governors of this Province humbly offering and proposing to your Excellency these following reasons as Motives inducing thereunto viz

1st Inasmuch that it was the true and Originall Settlement of this Province and from the first seating thereof full above Sixty Years hath been the Ancient and chief Seat of Government

2^d In Consideration whereof the Lord Baltimore by his Will and Testaments did Incorporate and Constitute the same City with several immunities rights Liberties and Priviledges thereunto belonging above and beyond all other places and places in the Province