

The Messengers returned acquainted that this Board was not sensible of any Employment William
Taylors Clerk had from the House without his own self Intention the least thing thereabout
but they are told that the cause of his Commitment proceeded from a Comptrolers made by the
honourable his Majestys Secretary of the Treasure for the said Taylors detaining in his
Custody a Book of Fees belonging to the Secretarys Office notwithstanding that the said Tay-
lor had taken and writt formerly before his Excellency and Council that he had delivered up
all such Books Papers &c into that Office though he does suppose that the House will
not go about to protect a Person charged with such a Crime but see him severely prosecuted
Requiring the Messengers to make the like Report Accordingly to the House

Produced a certain Paper of Proposals yesterday considered of and according to the
Order of this Board said with our own which were as following

1 A certain Paper of Grievances sent from the Grand Jury of Amherst County Coum^{ty} Recom-
mended down to the House for their Consideration

2 Proposed that Inquiry be made in the House whether Col^l Talbot did over Remburse
the Country his Imprisonment Fees

3 That there be some Law made to prevent Seamen Negroes & Servants &c from running
away to other Governments and to consider also therein a former Proposal about Runaway
Debtors &c and that if in case the House cannot agree about making such a Law at present that
then they lay the same before the right honourable the Lords of the Council for Trade and Foreign
Plantations desiring their Lordships would please to lay the same before his Majesty in Coun-
cil whereby his Majesty may be induced to send some General Order to the several adjacent
Governments for redressing the said Evils

4 That a Law be made to lay an Imposition upon all manner of Wooden Ware and other
brought from New England and other adjacent places as also upon Sugar and Melasses impor-
ted by Strangers

5 That a Law about Landles taking Lists of Taxables be better regulated

6 That a Law be made for every Felon to contain the Bounds of their Lands to Prevent
Law Suits

7 That some Representation be laid before the right Honourable the Lords &c desiring some end
might be put to the dispute about the divisional line and bounds betwixt this Province and
Pennsylvania and that Major Whittington be sent for to give what Account he is able to the
House

8 That the House would inquire amongst themselves the Reasons why^d obstructed the Generality
of the Ships this year and in particular the Ships left behind the Fleet from getting Ready
to sail sooner proposed that if a way can be found out whereby they may for the future receive
quicker dispatch in their Business, some Council Proceedings and Papers about the same
being herewith sent for the Approbation and Opinion of the House thereon

9 That a Law be made to Appoint an Auditor &c pursuant to a former Proposal

10 That a former Proposal about having the Laws digested into better Language by some
able Lawyer in England be considered anew and is again Recommended from the Board

11 That a Law be made to settle and confirm the several Offices Place of Judicium and other
Conveniences formerly proposed to be made and done in and about the State House and that
a Clause therein be inserted to Oblige the several Collectors Naval Officers and their deputies
&c to bring all their Lists of Shipping Certificates Bonds Licenses and all other papers relating
to their respective Offices to be delivered up upon oath once every year in order to be securely
Laid in one of the Rooms in the said State House and that a Clause also be inserted about
the Church

12 That the Ditch be Viewed and some Law be taken about the Building the two Towns
Houses and Draw Bridge

13 That the Levy be proportioned this Session and that the Country be relieved for the
Rangers &c & Supernumary Tithables the Accounts whereof are herewith sent

14 That a former Proposal for a Market and fair to be held in Town here and pursued