

- People from *Arists* on those days is again recommended
- 14 That a former proposal about buying for the Commissions in Chancery be considered and is again recommended from this Board
- 16 That his Majesty be addressed that some part of the Revenue given towards furnishing Arms &c / now the Country is provided of such things / be layed out for small Books &c according to a former proposal and towards Buying a Library
- 17 That the plantations be more equally divided and named a new and different names given them
- 18 That seeing the Country is destitute of any Fortification here his Majesty be addressed to send in a Frigate to keep cruising in these parts for security thereof
- 19 That Mr Bray be praised for his Trouble and pains taken about the Libraries having respect also to his Expences therein according to a former proposal
- 20 That the House would Impower some Person or more to make an Agreement about Keeping a publick Ferry betwixt this Port and Kent Island and one other over the Wading place at Kent Island not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco
- 21 That an Ordinance pass for Execution to fine against those persons that have subscribed to Give any Sum or Sums of Money towards Building the Church and School &c within this port and refuse or delay paying thereof
- 22 That whereas William Freeman Buchlayer being Runaway and left Mr Workmans House one of the publick buildings in this Port / a Great part thereof unfinished the advice of the House is denied to be given what is best to be done to Effect the finishing thereof there being left about 53 Sterling in hand to do it two thirds of the charge being already paid to the said Freeman as Receipt appears

Read part of a Letter by his Excellency received from the honorable John Povey Esq dated the 20th of October last past wherein he writes he has not been wanting to sollicite the Council of Trade both by himself and Mr Randolph about the Maryland Coins which nevertheless he hopes now by Mr Blathwaits means to bring to some determination very soon

Read also another Letter by his Excellency received from the said John Povey Esq dated 27th of August last past relating to Coins formerly read at this Board the 16th of March last past together with the Council proceedings thereon ordered that the same be laid before the House for their Cognizance and whether they think fit to give any further Answer in that matter

Produced and read a Letter by his Excellency received from the honorable Col^o Andrew Hamilton with proposals in relation to erect a Post Office here

Read also a Letter by his Excellency received from his Excellency Col^o Benjamin Fletcher Governour of New York dated the 8th day of February last past together with his Excellencys Answer to the same all which were ordered to be laid before the House for their Perusal and Cognizance

A Letter of several Queries and Instructions by his Excellency received from the right Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Council for Trade &c dated the 25th of September 1696 being herewith was to the General Satisfaction of this Board for that his Majesty hath been so graciously pleased to have that particular regard to these Plantations by constituting such a Council of Trade that are so careful and diligent in looking after the Affairs of the same for the very Great promotion of his Majestys Service here and the Good and benefit of the said Plantations in General Ordered that the same be laid before the House of Delegates for their Consideration and answering the several Queries therein put

Produced and read a petition of Mr John Freeman Register of his Majestys High Courts of Chancery of this Province praying some settlement of fees may be made him in that Office &c Ordered that the same be referred to the House of Delegates for their Consideration

That it were be put to the House whether it will not be proper to Encourage some small Number of men to go out beyond the mountains this summer upon discovery

It is Remarked from this Board that they do not omit of only to give that the Clerk of the House should sign a Clerk of the Assembly It is to be desired also that he conclude