

with a most his Majesty's honorable Council to inspect the account of the Money you are  
towards Building the Church at Annapolis viewing the work still to be done about the Head  
House viz Gallies and Cuts to view the saidward Gate House &c and to settle one to  
keep the same in order and last the Fugg - two petitions for the said place being referred  
to the consideration of the House and that the several materials got towards the building  
of the Church and School House be likewise viewed being referred to the model of the Church  
made by W<sup>r</sup> Fielder for their directions in this particular and do recommend that the  
said W<sup>r</sup> Fielder be satisfied for his pains and Trouble therein and at other times about  
viewing the said House &c that some Boards &c be fixed upon the back of the Kings  
Picture to keep it from the dampness of the Walls also for it with Posts about it to have  
the Kings Arms in the manner prescribed by putting some Boards on the back side thereof  
to keep it from rotting it is recommended that some care be taken about regulating the  
Ordinances and that none be suffered except such as will comply with the law

That some law or Ordinance be made for the better securing Letters brought in by Mas-  
ters of Ships

That some better care may be taken about Orphanes and Encouragement Given to Car-  
pers and Laymen for want whereof there are Great Complaints from all Parts of the  
Country

Came from the House of Delegates Captain Hill W<sup>r</sup> Waller, W<sup>r</sup> Smith W<sup>r</sup> Hopkins  
W<sup>r</sup> Suley and W<sup>r</sup> Hall who brought the following message viz

By the House of Delegates March the 15 1698

We have sent six of our members to see the Naval Officers make oath to their Accounts  
as also to signify to the honorable Board that we are of Opinion that it will not be  
Convenient to prohibit the Exportation of Corn and Provisions

Signed for Order W<sup>r</sup> Bladen Ch<sup>r</sup> Dem. De<sup>s</sup>

Came W<sup>r</sup> Samuel Watkins Naval Officer of Passent District and W<sup>r</sup> John West  
Naval Officer of Scamatic District who presented their Accounts of the duties by them Collec-  
ted and made oath there in presence of his Excellency and Council and members of the  
House of Delegates sent for that purpose

Brought also the following Message which was read viz

By the House of Delegates March the 15 1698

This House do desire that the honorable Board will appoint some of their members  
to join with some officers in order to consider what methods will be best to be taken in re-  
lation to our Neighbouring Indians and for securing the frontier plantations

Signed for Order W<sup>r</sup> Bladen Ch<sup>r</sup> Dem. De<sup>s</sup>

Ordered that the honorable Col<sup>l</sup> George Robotham Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> Charles Hutch-  
ins and Colonel John Addison to join with some of the members of the House to Consult  
about the Indians according to request so soon as time and place is agreed on

Signed for Order H<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>l</sup> Denton Ch<sup>r</sup> Council

That there be a certain form of Oaths prescribed to be taken by the several Officers of  
the Sherriff and Charge for that there be no ordinary kept in Court Houses where Records  
are kept especially Talbot and Somerset County Court Houses and that there be a Buck Chim-  
ney to each Court House if any at all and that the said Houses be painted inward no other  
suffical to join to them that there be better prisons if possible near the Court Houses or at  
least to have a cage there with a whipping Post and Pillory and that some man be  
appointed to keep each House for fear of fire &c

That the trees that are left in the middle of the Roads be cut down and that where there  
are well places the irons be taken under them twenty feet

That Protestant Servants that live with Roman Catholics have liberty to go to  
Church