

The House of Delegates spent there to return it is referred  
 Brought from the House of Delegates by W. Hawkins and W. Jenkins the  
 following Message viz By the House of Delegates March 18 1697  
 Forasmuch as this House did give Instructions to their several members  
 to debate in the Committee with his Majesty's honourable Council whether it might not  
 be thought fit to discontinue the Rango at the Garrison at Beacomack and strengthen  
 those Frontier plantations by placing some persons there constantly to reside upon reading  
 the Report of the said Committee needs not find that the same hath been as yet debated  
 therefore we humbly desire your Excellency and his Majesty's honourable Council to direct  
 your members to continue the Conference with ours

Signed by Order W. Bladen (Ch. Dem) De

The Gentlemen of the Committee here ordered further to consult that matter

Also the following Message came from the House by W. Michael Miller and other  
 members viz By the House of Delegates March 18 1697

We have appointed our most trusty hereunto sent to Town with some of the honorable  
 Board according to Proposals to inspect the accounts of the money given towards Building  
 of the Church at Annapolis viewing the work still to be done at the State House &c and  
 have sent them to acquaint your Honours therewith and that we desire they should  
 meet this Afternoon at Col. Roberts Chamber in order to make Report thereof to the House

Signed by Order W. Bladen (Ch. Dem) De

Referred for further consideration

The honourable Colonel Henry Jones. Thomas Brook and James Fryby Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 appointed to join in the said Committee

It is proposed by this Board that a Law be made for the most expeditious and easiest  
 way of trying and deciding differences between Masters and Servants and Servants and  
 Masters there appearing no absolute necessity for the same as by a Law happening before  
 this Board sitting at a Court was heard and determined this night

Upon Petition of the several County Leavy this year it is recommended to the  
 House to consider whether the late practice of sending out Venue facias's from the County  
 Courts Against Servants and others that have Bastards may not be too chargeable and  
 dilatory way of Proceeding therefore proposed that a more expeditious way be found out  
 if possible to hear and determine such matters

It is likewise recommended that some means or other be used to restrain the practices  
 of Seamen

The honourable Thomas Brook Esq<sup>r</sup> upon his application hath leave to retire  
 home

At a Council in a General Assembly the 19 day of March 1697  
 The Council again sat and were all Present as Yesterday except the honourable  
 Thomas Brook Esq<sup>r</sup>

Brought from the House of Delegates the following Message by W. Campbell W.  
 Lane W. Hicks Major Gen W. White W. Carville W. Tughman W. Elisha Hall W. Samuel  
 Young W. Whittington W. Wimer and W. Jenkins viz

To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> and his Majesty's honourable  
 Council

The humble address of all the Delegates of his Majesty's Province of Maryland now  
 in Assembly sitting

Whereas it was complained to us that W. George Plater W. William Dent  
 and W. Robert Goldborough had signed a certain Opinion about Law which your  
 Excellency was Generously pleased to let us have at our request This House upon full