

11 As to that which you mention in your petition for the redemption of forfeited bonds

We find not only forwarded but recorded by his Excellency on our behalfs & intend that the return of this should be returned to his Excellency for the same

12 As to that Part relating to large Tracts of Land

This House do desire his Excellency to acquaint his Lordship the Lord Baltimore Agents therewith in order to deliberate that all necessary

13 As to the Act of General Pardon

This House is not conscious to themselves that this Province labours under any Guilt and therefore humbly conceive that they have no need of such Pardon

14 Paragraph relating to two Condemned Women

We are of Opinion has no relation to this House

15 That Part of the Letter concerning Mr William Devis Petition for Solicitor Generals Office We humbly conceive only refers to his Excellency

16 As to Addreses and Citations

We are of Opinion requires no Remarks

17 As to Petitions Addreses and Letters having large Margents we conceive it necessary that they have large Margents as required

This Committee having Inspected another Letter from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and dated the 21 of March 1697/8 relating to Privates &c it was ordered in the 9<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of the former

And Voted by the Majority of Voices not to maintain any Agent

Likewise this Committee having Inspected a Letter from Mr James Reech to his Excellency dated the 16 of October last past Importing the Purchase of Land at Cool Springs

Ordered that this Committee prepare a Bill to enable some few Persons to purchase 50 Acres of Land for the use of the Cool Springs and if the Party or Parties Owner or Owners thereof shall refuse to sell such Quantity of Land according to the Law for Purchasing Town Land direct

As to another part of the said Mr Leuchs Letter relating to the carrying away Freeman Servants &c out of this Province

This House say that there are already Law in this Province for Preservation thereof

Signed & Ordered

G. Gregory Clerk of the House of Dees

Lieutenant Colonel Lewis Petition for Allowance as a Justice of the Provincial Court Referred to the House of Delegates

Ordered that the honourable Robert Smith Esq Major John Hammond Esq Richard Hill and Thomas Tasher Esq make their Claim to their possibility for their Attendance in Council

This Board adjourned until 8 of November 11 quorum 11

Thursday November the 3 1698

The Council in assembly sate Present as yesterday

Mr Joseph. How his Petition read and referred to the Committee of Usages