

used at present perverted.

Voted if our Explanatory Law shall be made to the Act of Religion, and Carried in the Negative.

The Conditional Law for prosecuting Runaway Servants and Debtors from Virginia &c. (Referred to the next Session of Assembly).

Resolved an Additionall Bill be drawn to the Act appointing Ports and Towns. Upon Reading the petition of Mr. Heunage Robinson and Com^{rs} Merrett in London, relating to the Imposition on Furs.

Voted Whether the Clause in the Law relating to the imposition of a Duty upon Furs be repealed or not.

Carry'd in the Negative.

The Law Concerning Towns being referred to this Assembly.

Resolved two ports be made, in Puttuscant River one, and the other in Potomack River for the better accomodation of those two Rivers.

Moved in the House that a port be constituted in Somerset County where Shippes trading thither may enter and clear. And opposites to Nemine Contradictente.

Voted Whether Bouques Bay or St. Leonards Creek be the port for Puttuscant. Carry'd by Majority of voices, Bouques Bay.

Voted whether Newtons point in Potomack or Charles Towne be the port for Potomack River. Carry'd by Majority of voices & Newtons Point.

Resolved that Mr. Arundell Elseys Land where the Towne formerly was in Monockin River, be the town and Port for Somerset County.

The Law about Money referred to next Assembly.

Resolved that the 40th of Tobacco^s proll not collected in Ann & Arundell County in the year 1693. be applyed to the Building a Church in Ann Arundell Towne.

Ordered Capt. Hill and Capt. Bayne wayte upon Mr. Peirines Coney and return him the thanks of the House for his Gaste Seimon.

Upon reading her Sacred Matys. Lre. relating to New Yorke; sent to his Exc^{ty} the Governour in Council &c. the following Message.

By the Burgesses of Assembly May the 13th 1695.

We have seen her Most Sacred Matys. Lre. under her Sign & Mannaill of the 22th day of Aug^r 1694. to your Exc^{ty} Comanding assistance to be given by this Government of Men and other Supplies for the defence of New Yorke as need shall require, and upon Intimacion of his Exc^{ty} the Governour of that Place, to which in all Loyalty and humble obedience to the Commands of that Glorious Queen of ever blessed Memory We humbly signifye to your Exc^{ty} first. That according to our utmost abilities we shall at all tymes be ready to assist that Government with such number of Men and Armes when need shall require, and his Exc^{ty} the Governour shall