

to his Excellency who had already sent down to ye House -

Major John Hammond and ye Rest of ye Members - Yesterday appointed a Committee to Consider of his Excellency's proposals about ye New Court House and additional Conveniences - Intoe ye House and present the following Reports -

Maryland - At a Speciall Committee appointed by ye Generall Assembly of this Province for inspecting into ye further additions to the Stat: House, met at ye house of Mr. Thomas Blackwell this first day of May 1696.

Present - Major John Hammond Chairman.

Major Edwards Dorsey.

Mr. Francis Jenkins

Mr. John Pollards

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Watkins appointed Cl<sup>k</sup>. by ye Said Committee.

The said Committee adjourned to speake with his Excellency.

Adjourned for an hour.

1<sup>st</sup> It is proposed by this Committee to ye said House of Assembly that a Methode be taken for ye Clerkes to goe up to their offices without going through ye House of Assembly.

2<sup>nd</sup> That a Law pass. or an Ordinance of Assembly be made for separate Rooms to be built in ye Stat: House for ye severall offices, vizt. for ye provinciall office. Land office. Comma<sup>rs</sup> office. and that a barr be placed, at ye door of each office within which no person whatever shall come save ye Clarke. and that no Clarke presume under a certain pennetty to carry any Record Booke or publique papers out of their respective offices without Com<sup>ds</sup> by his Excell<sup>ty</sup> the Gov<sup>o</sup> or Assembly.

3<sup>rd</sup> The 2 Jury Rooms be made and a passage through the Middle of ye House, that ye offices maybe on one side. and ye Jury Rooms on ye other side.

4<sup>th</sup> That the end of ye passage be ye entrance into ye porch Chamber.

5<sup>th</sup> That a Barr be made for ye Grand Jury to be kept together.

6<sup>th</sup> A Seat for ye Coyer be made in some convenient place in the Stat: House.

7<sup>th</sup> An outward Barr for ye prisoners, and a Step or two for the witnesses be made.

8<sup>th</sup> That a Chimney be Carryd up at ye other end of ye Stat: House from ye first story &c.

9<sup>th</sup> The back porch to be as Bigg as ye fore porch.

These things we find will be necessary and of use to this Province to be made in ye New Court House, and are not Comproizd in the Agreement with Col: Heerman.

Also we further Report, that we have discourid Col: Heerman -