

Sent by (Major Dent, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Barton, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Tashen, Mr. Friday, Major Small and Mr. Hutcheson.

Who returns and say they have delivered their Message and that it is required what is meant by the Statutes and Laws of England.

Resolved these words be added and inserted in the said Bill, viz.

"In all Matters and Causes where the Laws of this Province are silent."

Also resolved that the following Message be sent to his Excellency By the House of Burgesses July the 9th 1696.

It is represented to us by the Messengers last sent, that his Excellency was pleased to give Caution to this House that the Clause in the Act of Religion should be explained what was meant by the words Statutes and Laws of England, and require that this House would explain themselves so as to make the words answer the Ends intended, for which we humbly thank his Majesty's God and pray that to the former words in the Act (may be annexed) in all matters and Causes where the laws of this Province are silent.)

With which words we pray the said Bill may pass.

Signed for doo -

W. Bladen Clk. Assembly.

Sent by Major Thompson and Colonel Price.

The House adjourned till 6 of the clock to morrow Morning.

Friday July the 10th 1696.

The House met. Major Thompson reported to the House he had delivered his Message to his Excellency upon which he was sent last Night - and that his Excellency recommends those words may be added viz.

In this his Majesty's Province of Maryland.

Resolved Letters be writt to his Grace of Canterbury My Lord Bishop of London, Edw. Blathwayte and Mr. Povey.

House adjourned for two hours.

post meridiem - The House met.

A Bill for the Service of Almighty God and the Establishment of the protestant Religion in this Province.

Read and sent up to his Majesty's Hon^{ble} Councils.

Mr. Tho^s Col. ad whereupon the House desire his Excellency will be pleased arge his Commission

The House adjourned for two hours.

House mett againe

And Mr. Speakers and the Rest of the Members go up to his Excellency and carry with them the aforesaid Bill for the