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Straight and Softy pines fitt for Masts and Sards of Shippes of all Rates. they generally grow on Low and level ground, neare such Creeks and Coaves as every high tyde Can Floate them, (most Commonly) within halfe a Mile of y^e Water and some tymes not ten Rodds from it, the way lowe and nothing proceeing them difficult, but the want of Labourers and Artificers, for they would be sold, when they grow at very Moderate Rates, and the dieting of such Labourers and Artificers is very cheap. The Tarr made here is generally said to be more proper for tymbes then Cordage, likewise Standards, Knees and other Crooked tymbes fitt we Judge for the best Shippes in England. might be had here plentifully & Cheape, together with pitch, Tarr, Ropes and Hemp, but because such things have not been enquired for, the Inhabitants have not applied themselves to the preparing of them.

It is generally thought that the old Tobacco Houps will afforde salt peter. The Scarcity of Artificers and Labourers and their high wages is the Chief and only difficulty in proceeing these things of which there is an uneschauftable Quantity.

16^o The Sole and only Manufacturor rather production of this province for Merchants and Shippers Supply is Tobacco.

Of late the Inhabitants of the West side of Delawary Bay beating to the Westward from the Bay, and the Inhabitants of this province holding Lands by grant from the R^o Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary of this province beating Eastward from Chesapeake Bay that now they intermit is already become and hereafter likely to be occasion of contention unless tymely prevented by ascertaining the Bounds of each province.

And the Justices of Pennsylvania have and entertaine our fugitive Mairnes, Servants and others, refusing to deliver them backe except we can accuse them of felony or that the fugitives belong only to his Matys Men of Warre to ye very great prejudice of the Inhabitants of this province

Signed by order,

M. Bladen Clk. to the house of Delegates.

Ordered that the following resolve of this house be sent to his Roy^{ty} ye Gov^o and the Hon^{ble} this Matys Counciller

Resolved by this house that the severall Ministers charged to any parish or parishes within the severall Countys of this province attend at the Court house of each respective County Court before the Court be called, and there read prayers during the continuance of each Court every morning before the Court sits or the Court proceed to do any business. And if there be more Ministers then one in a County that they take their turns and read prayers one, one Court and the other another.

House adjourned till two of the clocke.

Post Meridiam. House met

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