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a Bill to vest two tracts of Land in him sold by George Ashman  
of Annapolis County to the said Gadsby but never made over according  
to Law.

House adjourned till Monday Morning  
7 Clock to the Speakers Chamber.

Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> 1697.

House met, and called over, absent Mr. George Ashman.

A Bill for restraining the Extortions of Sheriffs, Sub-Sheriffs and Deputy  
Comptrolers, read the second time and passed.

A Bill appointing Court days in each respective County, read the 2<sup>d</sup> time  
and passed.

A Bill for Reviving Cecil County process, read the 2<sup>d</sup> time and passed.

The aforesaid Bills sent up to his Majesty's Council by Mr. Hawkins  
Mr. Hemley, Major Smallwood, Mr. Lane, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Collins.

A Bill for Stay of Executions after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May yearly. read the first  
time and Comitted for amendment.

A Bill for the better dividing and laying out of St. Pauls Parish and  
Shrewsbury Parish, read the first time and Comitted for amendment.

It being Moved to the House that Major James Maxwell High  
Sheriff of Baltimore County lies dangerously sick.

The sending for the said Maxwell before this House is deferred till the  
next Sessions.

A Letter to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> written by a Minister of the Church of England  
giving an acc<sup>t</sup> of the presumptions of popish priests in Charles County in  
visiting dying and phrantic persons and endeavouring to make proselytes  
of them and also administering the Sacraments to them in such dying and  
phrantic condition.

Whereupon put to the Question if a Bill shall be drawn up to  
restraine such these presumptions or not, and Carried by the Majority of  
voices in the Negative.

But Resolved Nemine Contradicente that his Ex<sup>ty</sup> be addressed  
to issue his proclamation to restrayne such their extravagances and  
presumptions.

House adjourned till one of the Clock in the afternoon.

Post Meridieum - House met, absent Mr. Ashman.

Resolved the following address be sent to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup>.

By the House of Delegates March 21<sup>st</sup> 1697

Upon Reading a Certain Letter from a Reverend Minister of the  
Church of England which your Ex<sup>ty</sup> was pleased to Communicate to us  
Complaining to your Ex<sup>ty</sup> how that the popish priests in Charles County  
do of their own accords in this violent and raging Mortality in that  
County make it their business to go up and down of County to persons  
houses when dying and phrantic and endeavour to seduce and