

said damage as/ read.

One other petition of the said (W^m. Heerman being dead, desiring to be discharged of a contract made by her late husband with the Vestry of North Safoax for building a church for that parish.

It is the Opinion of this House that the said Vestry may Lawfully discharge her refunding what Tobacco her husband received with 4th Interest thereof.

Upon Reading the petition of John Croft and Edward Saunders Gentymen of South and Severn Rivers.

put to the Question if any Fences shall be kept at the publick Charge or no? - and Carried in the Negative no such Fences to be kept at the publick Charge.

Then Came the Hon^{ble} Col. Robotham and James Fildy Esq^r and brought the following Messagers from His Exp^{ty} the Gov^r and His Maty^{ties} Hon^{ble} Councille.

By His Exp^{ty} the Governour and Councille in Assembly March 25. 1698.
In answer to the Resolve of the House this day sent Concerning the Militia of this His Maty^{ties} Province, this board do solemnly declare that if any Misfortune or accident should happen to this His Maty^{ties} Government (which God forbid) for want of regulating the Militia according to proposals herewith sent (from which in all probability by such a regulation the Country might be secured) you are the persons chargeable as like wife for what fines the people will be lyable to for not complying with the present Law.

Signed for us.

Hen. Denton Clk. Councille

Heads of proposals drawn up by His Maty^{ties} Hon^{ble} Councille for the better regulating and settling the Militia of this His Maty^{ties} Province of Maryland, with the reasons inducing thereto, viz^t.

In the first place It is Concluded that there is a Necessity of a settled Militia in this His Maty^{ties} Province as it appears is done in all His Maty^{ties} Dominions.

Since the former Act of this Province seems grievous and burthensome to the poorer sort of people here inhabiting who bear the weight and charge of the Militia as now it plainly appears so that they lie under an obligation to defend the Interest of the Rich and their Estates the Rich being wholly unconcerned either in the Charge or trouble.

Therefore, it is proposed that Six^{ty} Sythables be thought fitt to furnish out a foot Soldier and Nine a Horseman.

That the foot Soldier be accounted with a Musquett, Carouch, Poxe and Baggonetts.

That the Trooper be accounted with a Case of Pistolls and Holsten, a Carabine a Carouch bot and Hangon and to have a horse and buckle bridle.