

Guilty thereof may be punished according to Law or otherwise if noe such thing can be made to appeare that if Divulgers of such false reports may be punished they being of a very ill consequence and tending to great disturbance in this Province by a Musing the Good people thereof and Justifying Fears and jealousys among them.

Signed by Order,
Wm. Bladen Clk. Council.

By the Hon^{ble} this Maty^{ty} Council in Assembly, Nov^r: 10th: 1698.
The Bills sent by Mr^r: John Whittington and severall others of the Houses Members are under consideration of this board.

And we desire to know of your Resolutions as to the two Bills proposed by us to which your Remarks and amendments having been proposed the passing of them ought not to be suspended without a Conference on them both.

Signed by Order, Wm. Bladen Clk. Council.

A Bill for assessing the publick levy read the first and second time.

Ordered, that Doct. Jacob Lockerman, Mr. Hicks carry the aforesaid act to his Excellency the Gov^r: and Council. They returned and say they have delivered their Message.

By the House of Delegates Nov^r: 12th: 1698.

In answer to the Message by the Hon^{ble} Thomas Tench Esq. and Col^l: John Addison, wherein it is recommended to this House to make Enquiry concerning a Rumour that is spread abroad, concerning a Letter said to be sent to his Lordship the Lord Bishop of London.

For as much as it is so long since the same was writt that it is impossible to be certainly remembered whereby to accuse any person therewith - the House does humbly desire to be excused from further prosecuting the same.

Signed by Order,
Gregory Clk. House of Delegates.

As to the Bill proposed for Regulating Marriages and granting Marriage Licenses it has been voted out by this House.

And to the Bill proposed for Promotion of Learning and advancement of this Maty^{ty} free School of Maryland it is - Resolved that it be referred to the consideration of the next Sessions of Assembly.

Signed by Order, Gregory Clk. House of Delegates.

Ordered that Major John Lane, Maj^r: Walter Smith, Mr. Thomas Hicks Mr. Henry Hawkins carry the aforesaid Messages to his Exc^{cy} and Council
A Bill for assessing of publick levy read the third time and passed for Dissolving.

By the House of Delegates Nov^r: 12th: 1698.

May it please your Excellency -

Whereas your Exc^{cy} and Council have been pleased by several Messages to make Reflections upon this House to Recite the particulars whereof would be rather Cause of aggravation then palliate our standing and since your Exc^{cy} who have been signally blessed with the favours of our