

The Honble Coll: Henry Joules, Tho: Tench Esq: and Mr: W: Bladen
Enter the House and present the following Message and his Excellency's Commission.

By the Council in Assembly July 6th 1699.

His Excellency has been pleased this day to lay before us his Royall Commission
for the Governmt. of this Province and therein observed a Clause touching the
Publick Seal of this Province in these words - And our will and pleasure
is that you shall and may keep the publick Seal appropriated or to be appropriated
by us for the Province of Maryland as by the Commission herewith sent
appears. By which his Majesty's Royall Commission and Authority to his Excellency
to keep and use that Seal appears to this board sealed & denyal.

It is therefore recommended to the House of Delegates to Compose such a Law
to regulate the Chan^{gr} proceedings in stead of y^e former as may answer his
Maj^{ty}'s Commands in that particular w^{ch} is hoped may be done to the Benefit
and Ease of the people.

Signed by Order,

W: Bladen Clk: Council.

Ordered that Mr James Beauford, Mr Benjamin Hall, Mr Richard
Selkman, Mr Philip Hoffman, Mr John Curville returne his Excellency's
Royall Commission: who returne and say they delivered their Message.

The House adjourns till two of the clock.

God: Die - The House mett and againe called over.

Read the conveyance for the Land at the Coole Springs and ord: to be amended.

A Bill for the transferring unto Maj: W: Whittington of Del^{ty} due from the
Officers of Sum^{er}sett County by virtue of an Act for raising a supplye towards
y^e Defaying of the Publick Charge of this Province read the first time.

Read Coll: Rob: Quarrys Petition praying that he may be abated
the four pence y^e Gallon for one thousand gall: of Rum imported by him
into this Province and Casually lost by the Sea.

Put to the vote if he shall be allowed for six hundred Gallons or not
and is carryed in the affirmative.

Resolved that he be allowed the four pence y^e Gallon for six hundred
Gallons lost by him lost.

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According to former Message from your Excellency and Council this House
have called Major Edward Dowsey before them and enquired of him whether
he would submit to such fine as the Generall Assembly should impose
upon him for his Negligence and Deficiency in not carrying on and
finishing of the Church to be built in the Towne and porte of Annapolis
according to the Contract and Agreement made with him or whether
he would stand a suite of Lawe to be Comenced agst him to recover
such damage as the County had sustained for want of the said Church
worke being carryed on and completed according to his said Contract