

2^d. As by the petition of Needles Sherwood and others we find by undoubted assurance.

1. That the paper is the hands writings of Edward Mann.

2^d. That the paper has all the Essentials of a will except being signed in the presence of three witnesses as the Stat. of the 29th of King Charles the 2^d requires.

3^d. We have no account whatever Mann attended his Resolutions in that paper contained.

4th. The paper contains a fatherly inclination to distribute his Estates among his Children without giving one all to the prejudice of the rest but that this fatherly intention will be frustrate unless confirmed by this Gen^l. Assembly.

Therefore upon the whole Matter we are of Opinion the petition may be granted so far as to confirm that paper according to the import of its in as full and ample Manners as if the same had been signed in the presence of three or more Witnesses - according to the forme of the Stat. aforesaid.

All which is humbly Submitted to Consideration of the house by us -

Gen. Chesedyn - Chairman.

Resolved that this house doe concur with the Reports of the Committee in their Opinion and that the same be sent to his Exc^{ty} the Governour and his Majesty's Honble Councill.

Which said Reports was endorsed, (viz.)

March 17th 170¹. By the House of Delegates.

This Reports being heard this house concurs with the Opinion of the Committee therein and refers the same together with the Originall paper and petition to the Consideration of his Exc^{ty} and hon^{ble} Councill.

Signed & Order.

W. Taylor Clk^t house Seld.

And Ordered that Maj^{ty} W. Dent and Mr. Philemon Loyd Carry the same up to his Exc^{ty} and Councill.

They Returne and say they have delivered the same.

The house adjournes till to morrow (Morning 7 a Clocks).

Die Mercurij March 18th 170¹

The house mett againe and being Called Over were present as yesterday and appeared in the house Mr. W. Harris Mr. Matthew Vanderhayden two Members for Cecil County and took their places in the house.

Read the Petition of the Justices of Calvert County relating to their Court House therein setting fourth the deficiency of their Tithes to y^e Lands whereon y^e Court House stands and praying relief.

Resolved that the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill for that purpose.

The answer to the Message yesterday relating to his Exc^{ty} Speech the 4th