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Consideration whereof for severall weighty Reasons is referred till to morrow
morning.

The Reporte of the Comities of Lawes (relating to the
Testament of Edward Mann recommended to the Council was againe
returned to this house by the Honble James Saunders Esq. and Coll.
Mr. Holland two of his Matys Honble Council which was thus Indorsed

By his Ex^{ty} the Gov^{ty} and Council, March 18th 170².
The Peticon of John Needles and Elisth his wife, Mr. Sherwood and
Lucy his wife and (Marry) Mann Spinster together with the Reporte
of the Comities of Lawes, thereupon being made at the Board is here well
approved of and his Ex^{ty} and Council are willing a Bill should be
brought in to Confirme the defieient Testament as prayed for.

Signed & Ordered,

W. Bladen Clerk Council.

Which said petition was read in this house. And Ordered
A Bill be prepared for the same.

Coll^o John Hammonds and Coll^o Edward Lloyd from his Matys
Honble Council enter the house and delivers the foll^o (see page to Mr.
Speakers

By his Ex^{ty} the Gov^{ty} and Council in assembly, March 18th 170².
Herewith is sent you the R^{ty} Honble the Lords Com^{rs} of Trade &
Plant^{rs} etc. to his Ex^{ty} the Gov^{ty} of the 22^o of July last requiring his Ex^{ty}
to gett the best informacon he canne (relating to the conduct of the
Proprietary Gov^{ty} and Govern^{mt} upon the severall heads of observations
in the said etc. enclosed and upon such other heads as may be proper
to give a true light into the state of the Plantacon (more especially in
relation to this Province while it was under Governours appointed by
the Proprietor.

And alsoe as to Pennsylvania and the Jerseys which are the nearest
to this Province, and thereupon you are desired in compliyanse to
y^e etc. from their Lordsh^{ps} to represent what you know or have
heard either in respect to this Province whilst under Proprietary Gov^{ts}
or otherwise of Pennsylvania and the Jerseys according to their Lordsh^{ps}
desire. And in as much as it hath been offered at this board that some part
of knowne probity now in your house have reported if they were Gen^l
the 14th of Town formerly and yett taken by and paid to the Lord Baltimore
as porte Dutys was intended &c. given for the Maintainance of Forts and
Defence of the Province and was Originally Stated and Called Port
Dutys and (not porte Dutys) but by some sinister means Contrary to y^e intent
of the Assembly that gave it it was altered and changed into porte Dutys

Therefore wee Desire you will enquire into this Matter and
endeavour to gett the best informacon and Satisfacon you canne therein
the said Revenue of the 14th of Town being now of great Emolument and in