

Excellency to order and restore the severall Courts to their ancient  
Right of Admitting and Suspending the Attorneys and Practitioners  
And they will take all due Care that none shall be admitted but  
such as shall merit the Same by their fair and honest Practice

Wee also acquaint your Excellency there has been Complaints made  
to this House that severall Merchants trading into this Province  
Under Pretence that your Excellency and Council have given them  
leave, have kept Stores at severall places not being Townes Contrary  
to a Law made in this Province, severall of which Merchants have  
been presented at the Assizes for breach of the said Law  
But the Quens Attorney Generall hath refused to prosecute them  
according to the Law aforesaid; Wee therefore humbly pray that  
your Excellency will be pleas'd to lay your Commands on the Att<sup>ny</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>  
that when any such presentment shall be made that he  
prosecute all such who shall make any breach of that or any other  
Law to be dispensed withall without our Consent

Signed off order Richard Dallam C<sup>t</sup> H<sup>l</sup> D<sup>l</sup>

The House adjourn'd till to morrow Morning Tom a Cock  
Saturday: 31<sup>th</sup> December 1708.

The House met according to adjournment being called  
over were present as yesterday.

Read what was done yesterday.

Bill for Relief of poor Debtors and Languishing Prisoners

Read the first and second times, And by Especiall Ord. will pass  
Sent up to his Excellency and Council for their Concurrence by M<sup>r</sup>  
Covington and M<sup>r</sup> Kemstey with the Message prepared last Night

They Return and say they deliver'd the Same

Col Courbey from the Council enters the House and desires the resolve  
of this House relating to Talbot County Court House might be sent  
to the Council which was accordingly done

M<sup>r</sup> Colgate a member of this House for Baltimore County being  
Lame hath leave given him to go home

Sam<sup>l</sup> Young Esq. from the Council enters the House and delivers  
M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Message

By the Council in Assembly Decemb. 31. 1708

Proposed that those that are for Oxford may give their Poll there  
And those that are for having the Court House in Talbot County  
County give their Poll at Pitts<sup>rs</sup> Bridge and the  
be appointed to take the Poll viz. M<sup>r</sup> Mathew Gilpin  
Ward, J<sup>r</sup> Cross