

Ordered the following Resolves be prepared and Entered.

By the House of Delegates 29th Decr 1753.

This House being informed that the Law and other Records are much diminished we humbly desire that some of her Majesty's Honble Council may be joyned with some of the Members of this House to inquire the cause and of the proper Methods for the preservation of these Records for the future

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Sent up to the Council of Mr. Tyler and Mr. Solomon Wright

They returns and say they deliver'd the same

Petition of Stevon Rich of Queen Anns County Carpenter praying Naturalization of himself and Children Read and leave given to bring in a Bill as prayd — and also of John James of Dorchester County for the same.

Josias Crouch petition Read and referred to the Committee of Laws to Examine the petition's pretensions and Allegations and report their opinion thereon to the House

Bill for Naturalization of John James Stevon Rich and their Children read the first time and Order'd a Second Reading to Morrow Morning. — Committee of Laws Enters the House and delivers the following report which being read and approved of by the House was order'd to be enter'd as follows in answer to the Honble presidents Speech Viz

To the Honble Edward Lloyd Esq. President of her Majesty's Honble Council in Maryland and Commander in Chief thereof

We acknowledge our selves abundantly obliged to return you our hearty thanks not only for your prudent timing of this Session but for the generous regard you have at all times had for the Honor of her Majesty for the making easy the Annual Charge of the Province and for the Generall welfare of the Inhabitants thereof — And as we have hitherto had sufficient reason to applaud the ingenuity of your Administration in making your Duty to her Majesty and Love to her Subjects so eminently appear that none can accuse you of neglect in either, we hope we shall not have less reason so to do at the end of this Session than heretofore we have had;

We shall be very glad of the opportunity of Joyning with you and her Majesty's Honble Council in the dispatching the business of this Session and making it as short as the present Urgencies of the Province will allow; But as the very meeting of this Assembly is a Considerable Charge and the sitting thereof the greater which we are to tax we hope we shall do more before we part than barely tax than

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