

Roman Catholics with the Bill before proposed. Ordered it be considered of
The following Message was read & ordered to be entered viz

By the House of Delegates December 9th 1704

This House hath received all the Papers relating to the Indians and the
Message sent therewith by John Hammond & William Courney Esq. And we have
heard all the Information that Col^l Smallwood & Col^l Beale have given us
from all which we can with no reasonable Certainty either blame or excuse our
Neighbouring Indians the Piscataways but forasmuch as notwithstanding
with our peaceable Carriage towards them & our Threatnings have not prevailed
upon them to return to their ancient Dwelling this House hath a good Dispo-
sition to make War upon them were it not that we have already under-
taken some Business of great Charge therefore we humbly advise your
Excellency to call in the Soldiers & to treat with the said Indians at present
in Friendly Manner and to dissemble the Retirement of the English till
they be better capacitated to carry on a War, and have more Certainty of their
Treachery & Guiltiness. Signed by Order W. Taylard Esq. Sec. Deb.

Ordered That Mr John Hudson & Mr James May carry up to the Council both
the aforesaid Messages. They returns say they delivered the same.

Bill suspending the Prosecution of Jesuits &c

Bill for rebuilding the Stadt House. Ordered they be indorsed viz

December the 9th 1704 Read the first & second Times & by especial Order do
pass W. Taylard Esq. Sec. Deb.

Ordered That Mr Hugh Eccleston carry up the aforesaid Bills to the Council
He returns say he delivered the same.

Ingrossed Bill for Division of St Pauls Parish &c indorsed December y^e 9th 1704
Read & reported to by the House of Delegates W. Taylard Esq. Sec. Deb.

Ingrossed Bill declaring the Act Entituled an Act ascertaining the Bounds of
Land to be in force. indorsed by Order December the 9th 1704. Read & reported
to by the House of Delegates. W. Taylard Esq. Sec. Deb.

Bill declaring an Act Entituled an Act for erecting Ann Arundel & Beford
Towns into Ports & Towns formerly made to be in force Indorsed by Order. Read
first & second Times & do pass W. Taylard Esq. Sec. Deb.