

Nicholas Lowe draw up a Message to be sent his Excellency in Answer to the Message of the Council relating to the same

Ordered Mr Thomas Wisby and Mr John Marshall carry up to the Council Thomas Collins's Petition for their Concurrence They return and say they delivered the same.

A Message relating to the scandalous Libel being proposed & brought into the House was here read & did to be entered as follows viz

By the House of Delegates May the 21st 1703

In Answer to the Message relating to the Libel this House resolves that the charging your City with any Conspiracy or Complot or prevailed on by John Darnale or any other Papist whatsoever is a most pernicious scandalous & seditious Libel tending to the Destruction ^{of her} Majesty's Government here & is a great Scandal to your City's Name & Reputation This House being very sensible that the Bill against the Papal Religion and also that Bill to indulge them or to suspend the Execution of the former Bill began both in this House and were sent from us to your City and the Honble her Majesty's Council for your Concurrence & Assent therunto And we do pray your Honour to be assured from us that we will omit nothing that may be fit & proper for us to do to protect and assist her Majesty's Government and your Excellency's Justice & Innocence in this Matter and to show our utmost Resentment against such pestilent Disturbors of this Government and bringing them to condign Punishment Signed by Order W. Taylour P. C. Secy

Mr Robert Goldborough, Mr William Wisby and Mr John Hudson and Mr John Taylor ordered to carry up the said Message to his Excellency & Council.

They return & say they delivered their Message.

The Gentlemen appointed to view the Stadt House work enter the House and inform them that they cannot recede from their former Report on Saturday. Upon which it is Resolved by the House that all those Window Frames already set up be taken down and other good & sufficient Window Frames be set in their Room made of well seasoned Timber.

Mr John Taylor sent up to the Council with Journals & Papers relating to the Indians and all Papers about Clarke's Colony.

Bill for Relief of Ann Arundel County road 1st Time.

Petition of Alexander Hill on Behalf of St. Thomas Lawrence Secretary praying an Allowance for recording the Body of the Laws of Octo. & Decem. Assembly being read. Ordered twelve hundred Pounds of Tobacco be allowed him next Levy therefor.

The Petition of Matthew Board praying Allowance for looking after & taking care of the publick Ammunition for nine Months was read. The Consideration whereof is further referred till some Journals be inspected.

(Bill confirming)