

firm and hearty Allegiance together with our assiduous and frequent Prayers to Almighty God for her Majesty's long life and happy Reign over us
As to the erecting Ports & Towns we are resolved to take that Affair into our Consideration with all the Speed & Dispatch that a Council of such Importance is capable of and as to all other Matters which your Excellency now hath or shall think fit to lay before us and which may any way relate to her Majesty's Royal Instructions and to the Good and Welfare of this her Majesty's Province we will with all Cheerfulness and Assiduity apply ourselves and be unanimous in our Councils to the discharging the Duties incumbent on us.

Sir, We want words to express to your Excellency the great Thankfulness and Gratitude with which our most gracious Sovereign by her Nobleness and Princely Goodness hath filled our Hearts but do hope that all our present and future Actions will demonstrate us to be no other than a Dutiful and thankful People for all those Blessings of Favour and Protection which her Majesty of her Grace and Goodness had bestowed upon us not forgetting that very eminent one of placing your City as her Majesty's Representative over us. Signed by Order of the House of Delegates

W. Taylard *Secy*

The Petition of Richard Marsden and others Gentlemen of the Vestry of St. Michael's Parish in Talbot County praying a Bill for Sale of Solomon Jones his Lands for the Use of the said Parish pursuant to the last Will of the said Jones was here read & granted And ordered a Bill be prepared empowering the said Marsden, Mr. Robert Goldborough, Mr. James Lloyd, and Mr. Matthew Tilghman Ward, or any two of them, to make sale thereof as prayed.

Mr. Samuel Young, pursuant to an Ordinance of this House for purchasing Paper and Parchment for the publick Use brought into the House vizt three Rolls of Parchment each containing sixty Shins, two Roams of small writing Paper, two Roams of small Dutch ditto, half a Roam of Medium, and half a Roam of Paper Royal which is ordered to be lodged with the Clerk of this House for publick Services only and he to be accountable for it, Ordered that Mr. George Muschamp, Mr. Peter Watts, Mr. John Wolls, Mr. Nicholas Lowe, Mr. Hugh Eccleston, Mr. John Jones, Mr. Thomas Tristly, Col^o John Cortes, Mr. Robert Tyler, Mr. James Philips, Mr. Joseph Hill, Mr. John Beach attend his Excellency at the Council Chamber with the Answer to his Excellency's Speech.

They return and say they delivered their Messages

Mr. John Hammond & Col^o ^{Edw^d} Hoyle from the Honble Council enter the House & deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message

By his Excellency the Governor and Council April 5th 1706

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