

e W. Watts of Saint Mary's County enters the House, and took his Place.  
Colo Smithson's Letter read and his Excellency and Councils Message thereupon  
(read as follow) By the Governor and Council in Assembly April 8<sup>th</sup> 1706

Gent<sup>l</sup> Herewith is sent you Colo Smithson's Letter to his Excellency which is referred  
to your Consideration. If you think fit to gratify the said Smithson but it must not  
be out of the Revenue of the Schoo School that Law being sanctioned in England

Signed of Order W. Bladen C. Council

Upon reading thereof it is resolved the following Message be sent to the Council <sup>in Answer</sup> by  
By the House of Delegates April 10<sup>th</sup> 1706.

In Answer to your Excellency's Hon<sup>rs</sup>  
Message of the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant relating to some Gratification to be made Colo Smithson  
this House having considered it is not long since a Gratification was made  
to the said Colo Smithson of fifty Pounds for his Services to the Country and they  
are of Opinion that that Gentleman's Services to the Country are not so very  
eminent above all others as to deserve a Distinguishment by way of Reward

Signed of Order W. Taylors C. Do P

The Petition of Mrs Marg<sup>t</sup> Dorsey brought into the House and ordered to be read  
and entered as follows.

To the Honble House of Delegates.

Dorsey Ex<sup>ta</sup> of Colo Edward Dorsey deceased.

Your Pet<sup>r</sup> humbly conceiving That in  
Right of her Execut<sup>ship</sup> the Rent now due for the House your Honours now sit  
in is due to her being twenty Pounds Sterling which she humbly prays may be  
allowed. And your Petitioner shall pray.

Which being read in the House and fully debated the Petition is rejected.

And upon rehearing the Petition of Samuel Dorsey it appeared by a former  
Contract that the same Rent is the Right of the said Samuel Dorsey. Therefore  
resolved that he be paid the Rent of the House for the Year last past by the Treasurer  
of the Western Shore being £20.

e W. Esmalls & W. Boale enter the House and say they delivered their Message of the  
Morning. Colo Thomas Smithson's Letter & Message thereupon sent up to  
Honble Council of Mr John Jones and Mr Joseph Gray.

They return and say they delivered their Message.

The Petition of W. Bladen relating to a Town Lot road & referred till to Morrow  
Morning for Consideration and ordered that the Clerk procure the foul Draught  
of the Town Plat for Inspection of the House.

The Petition of William Sweatnam being brought into the House.

Ordered the Petitioner and Mr. Bennett be called in; who appearing and the  
Matter contained therein being read and argued before the House they withdrew

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