

Petition of Mrs. Jane Crafts read in the House and rejected

The House adjourns till Monday Morning Eight o'Clock

Monday April 15th 1766

The House met again according to adjournment (Some called over were present as on Saturday Read what was done a Saturday

Upon reading a Scheme of what Laws of England were hold to be in force in this Province reported to the House by Colo Thomas Smithson pursuant to a former Order the House find it not to be so perfect as they expected.

Therefore Resolved that Mr. Robt Goldborough and Mr. Nicholas Low inspect the said Scheme of those Acts and report the same more amply to the next Session of Assembly.

John Hammond and Francis Jenkins Esq^s from the Honble Council enter the House and deliver Mr. Speaker the Bill for suspending Prosecution of Popish Priests &c Indefinite. (By his Excellency the Governor and Council ^{in Assembly} April 13th 1766 The Petition of the Roman Catholics signed by Colo Henry Darnall, Mr. Charles Carroll, Mr. Richard Bennett, and Mr. James Carroll being this Day read at the Board it is observed that the Petitioners tho' they so stile themselves rather seem to challenge than petition for a Toleration and Freedom and unhandfomely charge the General Assembly with infringing the same which they cannot have the least Reason to offer seeing at the Time of making the Act they had not even the slightest Assurance of such Freedom or Toleration All which is of the same Piece with the latter Part of the Petition seeming to insinuate as if her Majesty would forget the minutest Thing for the Ease & Advantage of her Subjects —

Neither has this Board any Reason to be satisfied with the Petitioners Construction of the Houses Intention which they say was until her Majesty's Pleasure should be known that they might not be disturbed in the Interval of Assemblies But we hope we have a better Right and with better Reason to judge it was quite contrary thereto for otherwise to what End was the Penal Act made or the suspending one limited to Eighteen Months a certain Time passed

Signed by Order W. Bladen Council

Which being read in the House the Bill was ordered to be laid aside.

Colo William Holland from the Honble Council enters the House and delivers Mr. Speaker a Petition of Samuel Chow and Nehemiah Birkhead praying Liberty to bring in a Bill to confirm the Will of Naylor late of Ann Arundel County deceased Read and ordered a Bill be prepared

Bill for Advancement of Trade read the first Time with Amendments and committed again for further Amendment