

Colo William Kelleard from the Council entow the House & deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message Vizt

By the Council in Assembly, April 15th 1706

Whereas in a late Session there was an Order made that the Coward House should be removed within the Town where the Governor thought fit but forasmuch as the Undertakers ask above ten Pounds therefor and will run no Risque in Case it should fall in Pieces we desire the House will while they now sit treat with workmen to do it

Signed by Order W^m Kelleard Council

Which being read it's ordered that Mr Samuel Young and Major Charles Greenbury treat and agree with some Undertaker for removing the said House and make their Report thereof to the House in the Afternoon

Ordered That Colo John Lantoe and Mr. Henry Courney draw up and prepare an Address to her Majesty on the Proposal for Copper Coin and also for an Allowance to refund Money made use of out of the 3^d of the 1st Act

The House adjourns till two O'Clock Afternoon

Post Meridieum. The House met again according to Adjournment. Being called over were present as in the Morning. The Message from the Council of the 12th Instant by Colo Jenkins was read this Day and ordered to be entered Vizt

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly April 12th 1706

Some Persons having been prosecuted by the Grand Jurors in the Provincial and Ann Arundel County Courts for Bigamy and for suffering a Quaker Conventicle to be kept in their House the Justices and Officers of those Courts are at a Stand in the Prosecution. The Laws of England providing against those Offences seeming to them to be wholly restrained to her Majesty's Subjects residing within the Kingdom of England so that for want of Law in this Country those Offenders expect to escape unpunished according to the old saying where there is no Law there's no Offense wherefore it's recommended to the Consideration of this General Assembly either to declare those Laws of England reach hither for the better Satisfaction of the several Courts of Justice or otherwise by some good wholesome Laws to restrain the said Offences.

Signed by Order W^m Kelleard Council

Upon reading that Part relating to Bigamy the House resolves that a Bill be brought in declaring that the Act of Parliament against Bigamy has been & still is in Force within this Province

And as to the second Branch of the said Message relating to Quaker Conventicles