

By the Council in Assembly April 17th 1706 This Bill being read is thought very unreasonable and rejected Signed by Order W Bladen C Council

And Message was referred till the Morning

Proposed Bill for Encouragement of Trade &c read and reported to by the House of Delegates. Sent up to the Council for their concurrence by Mr James Hayward and Mr John Marshall They return and say they delivered the Bill

Bill ascertaining Damages on Protected Bills Read the first time and put to the Question whether the Bill pass or not Carried in the Affirmative

Bill for encouraging making Hemp and Flax Read the first time and put to the Question whether the Bill pass or not Carried in the Affirmative & do pass

Bill suspending the Execution of English Quarters &c read again & do pass

Bill declaring several Acts of Parliament to be in force, Read the first time and by special Order do pass.

Bill encouraging the making Hemp & Flax &c read the second time & do pass

The foregoing 4 Bills sent up to the Council by Mr Joseph Grey & Mr John Maclaster for their Honour's concurrence They return and say they delivered the Bills William Holland and William Lowrey Esq^r enter the House & deliver Mr Speaker Ingressed Bill for Encouragement of Trade &c

Bill for confirming the last will and Testament of Thomas Knighton late of Ann Arundel County do pass Read the first time & referred till next Assembly and ordered all Persons concerned have Notice then to give their Attendance if to them it shall seem meet.

William Lowrey Esq^r enters the House and deliver Mr Speaker the following Message
By the Hon^{ble} the Deputies and Visitors of the Free Schools of Maryland & April 17th 1706, Whereas the Hon^{ble} the House of Delegates upon the Account Yesterday by us exhibited for the Rent of the School House in Annapolis made so very inconsiderable an Allowance for the Council Chamber & publick Offices its that House that it will not answer half of the common Interest of the Money expended in Building thereof we do hereby represent unto the General Assembly that altho' we shall not gainsay the Bargain about the Library yet we are not willing the House should be hold and used for a Council Room or other publick Service on such precarious Terms any longer Therefore propose that you will either make a particular Agreement for the Rent of the Council Room or otherwise perhaps the whole House which we are willing to offer the Public at a very reasonable Rate
To the Hon^{ble} the Gen^l Assembly. Signed by Order W Bladen S^r Lib^r School

Which being read this House say they will not purchase but are willing to take the whole House one Year at Rent of £12 Sterling or £6 for the Council Room if the Visitors concur therewith

Proposed whether it be not necessary that a Bill be brought in to prohibit the English Vans to carry ^{hurdles} Goods out of this Province? (Put)