

Ordered Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Robert Simoly, Mr. Ward, and Major Hawkins attend the House to speak to the Petition. Being present Mr. Speaker was pleased to hear what they had to say thereto and so withdrew.

The Petition was again debated in the House. Resolved by the House of Delegates that the County Court House be erected and settled at Oxford.

The House adjourns till two o'clock in the afternoon.

Post Meridieum The House met again and being called over were all present as in the Morning. Ordered that the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County summons Mr. John Duvall to appear before this House to morrow morning 9 o'clock whereof he is not to fail.

The Honble John Hammond Esq; from the Council enters the House and delivers Mr. Speaker Union Williams Petition and John Nicholls Petition. Which last being read it is ordered that John Nicholls Petition be referred till Mr. Nicholas Lowe appear in the House.

Mr. Hammond likewise delivered Mr. Speaker a Letter directed to his Excellency John Seymour Esq; Captain General and Governor of Maryland.

Indorsed in Council vizt. By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly April first 1707 The within Letter is recommended to the Consideration of the House of Delegates
Signed by Order W. Bladen C. Council.

Ordered the same lye on the Table for further Consideration

The Message relating to Towns in Ann Arundel County was again read & ordered to be entered vizt.

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly March 31st 1707

His Excellency has been informed that through the Remissness of the Commissioners appointed for laying out Towns in this County or the Shortness of Time whereto they were confined and limited the Town at West River is not laid out, nor the Town and Port of Annapolis is not yet surveyed according to Law and that most of the Lots in the Town and Port are ingross'd in three or four Peoples Hands to the great Discouragement of the Neighbours, who would build and inhabit therein, could they have the Opportunity of taking up Lots, which is left to the Consideration of the House
Signed by Order W. Bladen C. Council

This Message being before debated in the House the first Part was considered of and the House now proceeds to consider of the latter Part relating to the Town Lots in the Port of Annapolis. Which being debated, it is resolved that all such Persons that have taken up any Lot or Lots in the Town and Port of Annapolis since making the late Law has no Right to the same; for that the late Law has not been yet executed

The Committee of Accounts enters the House and delivers Mr. Speaker Lieut. Charles Boall's and Mr. Mason's Petition with their Report thereon, which is referred to further Consideration