

of July 1699 and May 17th 1701 but as to the Timber work we find the Joists are not of so large a Scantling as if the said Agreement is required and the Distances betwixt them is from Eight to twelve Inches when by the Agreement they ought to be but six; As to the Roof we find it very defective there being but seven Pairs of Rafters in the whole and no Ceiling in the Roof whereas by the Agreement it ought to be ceiled with Oak Inch Plank throughout the whole Roof we are also of Opinion that to make the said Prison sufficient there be a Joist put in between every one of the Joists already laid of six or seven Inches square that the Plank be well and sufficiently nailed to all the Joists and that there be a Purloyns well fixed under the ceiling Joists and two good Rafters from the Purloyns to the End of the Joists on both Sides the House betwixt each Pair of Rafters already placed. And as many ceiling Joists and two Studs betwixt every Stud already up to be ceiled all round the Roof and under the ceiling Joists with Inch Oak Plank well nailed.

Signed & Order Richard Dallam S^r Com^r

which Report being read the House find that Mr. William Bladen the Undertaker has not performed his Agreement with the Country. Therefore it's resolved he make good what is deficient as reported

The Message of this Day brought in by Rowland Thoyldine and James Sanders Esq^r was read and ordered to be entered Viz^t D

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly April 2nd 1707.

This Board having been several Times importuned by divers Petitions from the County of Saint Marys to have the Court House of the said County appointed in the Center thereof the holding of Courts at Saint Marys being represented by the Grand Jury as a great Aggravance to the major Part of the Inhabitants there: do recommend to the House of Delegates that a short Act of Assembly be made for appointing the said Court House to be built at a small Town to be erected at Britains Bay being within two Miles of the Center of the whole County and the better to enable the said County to build such new Court House that Commissioners be appointed to make a good Sale of the Court House at Saint Marys Town and the present Interest of the Country to one hundred Acres of Land there and the Rent and Reversion of the Country House saving the Rights of particular Persons who have built and taken up Lots and paid for the same there being 30,000^l Tobacco offered therefor which is conceived will be sufficient to build a convenient Court House for the said County.

Signed & Order W^m Bladen S^r Com^r

which being here read and debated it is resolved the Court House continue where it is in Saint Marys Town

The Petition of the Members of Dorchester County on Behalf of themselves and other Inhabitants there praying a Town on a Point of Land called Philips Point in Hunger River. Read and granted. The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning 7 o'clock