

Thursday April 3^d 1707

The House met again according to Adjournment and being called over were present as yesterday.

Read what was done yesterday
Samuel Newwood's Petition read and referred till the Afternoon
James Sanderson Esq, enters the House and delivers Mr Speaker the following Message

By the Governor and Council in Assembly April 3^d 1707
It is recommended to the House that before they come to a final Resolution about removing Saint Mary's Court House they will hear the Honble Colonel Cheseldine and Mr Somelius, Inhabitants of that County Signed & Order W Bladen Esq

Read and answered as followeth.

By the House of Delegates April 3^d 1707

In Answer to the Proposal of hearing ~~the~~ Mr Cheseldine and Mr White as to the Removal of the said Court House of Saint Mary's County, this House yesterday come to a Resolue that the County Court shall still remain and be kept where it now is at Saint Mary's, and therefore there is no need of hearing Mr Cheseldine and Mr White to that Matter. Signed & Order W Taylard Esq. Secy.

Sent up to his Excellency and Council by Mr Muschamp and Mr Beale.

They return and say they delivered the same.

His Excellency's Message by Mr Touch of the first of April 1707 relating to Mr Dumer's Proposals was again read and ordered to be entered by Mr

By his Excellency the Governor and Council April 1st 1707.

In Reply to the House's Request by Mr Muschamp and Mr Marshall desiring to know by what Methods Mr Dumer proposed to render his Packet Boats useful to this Province or what Satisfaction he would require therefor we give you to understand that Mr Dumer proposes to put the same Method in Practice of sending his Packet Boats to the Continent as now used to the West Indies so that the Merchants Letters will come to us at the Rate of Eight Pence a single Letter and sixteen Pence a double one. The said Mr Dumer makes his Proposals to all the Neighbouring Governments and if they close with him he will set on foot otherwise it will not be worth his while; so that if we encourage the said Mr Dumer by writing him we are willing to embrace his Offer on those Terms it will a Means to promote it otherwise a total Discouragement which would be great Sigh.

Signed & Order W Bladen Esq. Secy.

Upon reading the same it's put to the Question whether this House will agree to the Proposals or not? Carried by Majority of Votes that this House will not agree thereto.
Bill for suspending the Execution of the Law against Popish Priests &c. Read the second Time and do pass.

Bill to prevent the breaking open and conveying publick and private Letters, Read the second Time and ordered there be a new Clause inserted to compel Shuffes to do their Duty
(Remains)