

Whereas your Excellency has been pleased to lay before this House an Order of her Majesty and Council relating to Sir Thomas Lawrence's Complaint that the Times for Ordinary Sessions are a Conquisite belonging the Secretary and have been detained from him this House humbly prays that they may have leave to address her Majesty and lay the true state of the case before her and are of Opinion that till her Majesty's Pleasure be known Ordinaries may be regulated by the Justices in the several Counties according to the Laws in England And after her Majesty's Pleasure is known such Law or Laws may be enacted as are consonant thereto.

Signed by Order Rich<sup>d</sup> Dallam C<sup>o</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Sent up to his Excellency and Council by Mr Wilkynson, Capt Jones, Mr Lee and Mr Cornington. They return and say they delivered their Message.

Then was sent to the Committee of Laws the Petition of Justus Englehard Kitchin, the Petition of John Hyde and Sarah Gandy, Tachahos Petition, Somerset County Petition and several Papers relating to Sir Thomas Lawrence.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Coursoy and Philip Synos Esq<sup>s</sup> from the Council enter the House and deliver Mr Speaker the following Message

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly December 6<sup>th</sup> 1700  
His Excellency and this Board having considered the House's Reasons for reforming the Settlement of Itinerant Justices to the next Sessions are well satisfied therewith. Signed by Order W<sup>m</sup> Bladen C<sup>o</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Read the Petition of James Roberts of Calvert County praying to be naturalized which was granted and leave given to bring in a Bill as prayed  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Jos<sup>ph</sup> William Coursoy, Thomas Greenfield and Philip Synos Esq<sup>s</sup> enter the House and deliver Mr Speaker the Petition of Madam Mary Lottes praying leave to bring in a Bill to make valid the last will and Testament of her late Husband, John Lottes Esq<sup>;</sup> deceased with several Depositions proving the same to be his will bring read leave is given to bring in a Bill as prayed.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Samuel Young Esq<sup>;</sup> enters the House and delivers Mr Speaker a Deposition of Nathaniel Smith with the following Message.

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly December 6<sup>th</sup> 1700  
Mr Samuel Young the publick Treasurer of the Western Shore having informed his Excellency of a short Entry made at Patuxent of Negroes imported in the Ship Roger Larnaby Commander Anno 1703 upon Mr Nathaniel Smith's Commission  
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