

it appears thirty five Negroes were hold back and considered for which Satisfaction ought to be made Mr William Lane one of the Importers having Effects now in the Country on which Decision we desire the House's Advice and Direction

Signed & Order W Bladen (C. C.)

The Honble Major General Lloyd and Colo Courway from the Council enter the House and deliver Mr Speaker the Petition of several of the Inhabitants of Talbot County for Removal of the Court House from Oxford to Dolly's Cove Indorsed By his Excellency the Gov^{rs} Council in Assembly December 6th 1700 -

The within Petition thought very reasonable and recommended to the House of Delegates and that Major General Lloyd and Colo Courway may be heard thereto

Signed & Order W Bladen (C. C.)

The foregoing Petition being read ordered it be referred till to Morrow Morning for Consideration

Mr Skinner from the Committee of Laws enters the House and delivers Mr Speaker some private Bills by them prepared

Mr Joseph Hill from the Committee of Accounts enters the House and acquaint Mr Speaker that William Bennett who petitions for Allowance as one of the Guards was employed by Major Wilson late Sheriff of Ann Arundel County to guard the Prison and that the Committee desired the Direction of the House whether he ought to be paid by the Public? Ordered he carry back the Petition to the Committee and have their Reasons for Allowance indorsed thereon He also produced Mr Evan Jones's Account for looking after publick Buildings which is referred till to Morrow Morning till the Ordinance for his Salary be seen

Ordered That all Committees be called in. They appeared in the House Bill for Naturalization of Benjamin Duffour, Justus Englehard Kitchin and James Roberts Read the first and second Times and by special Order do pass

Signed & Order Rich^d Dallam (C. C. Do.)

Bill empowering Trustees to sell Land for the Benefit of Joseph and Benjamin Harris. Read the first and second Times and by special Order do pass

Signed & Order Rich^d Dallam (C. C. Do.)

The two foregoing Bills sent up to his Excellency and Council by Mr. Wilkinson Capt. Jones, Mr Lee, and Mr Lovington. They return and say they delivered the Bills Bill empowering several Trustees to sell Land late the Estate and Inheritance of Thomas Sterling, for Redemption of a Mortgage made by Thomas Sterling for the Benefit of Christian Sterling, a Minor. Read the first Time and ordered to be read again to Morrow Morning -

(Colo Contos)