

The Petitions of some Inhabitants of Kent County praying a Town might be ordered at the Ferry near the old Court House Road and granted, and referred to the Committee of Laws to prepare a Bill.

The Honble John Lowrey and Philip Lynes Esq, enter the House and deliver Mr Speaker the following Message. (By the Council in Assembly December 8th 1700.

Gentlemen, In answer to your Message by Mr Wilkinson, Captain Jones, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Seimpton this Board think it very reasonable you address her Majesty as proposed, and are willing the Justices of the County Courts should regulate the Ordinary Business, until her Majesty and the Attorney General Assembly of this Province shall otherwise provide therein.

Signed & Order W. Bladen R. C.

Petition of the Inhabitants of Queen Anne's County praying Liberty to bring in a Bill for Removal of their Court House to the Town of Marlborough Road and referred for Consideration to the next Session of Assembly.

The Honble John Holland from the Council enters the House and delivers Mr Speaker John Baker's Petition as Sheriff of Talbot County praying Consideration of this House concerning the Maintenance of Debtors in Prison which was read and referred to the Consideration of the Committee appointed to draw up a Bill for Relief of poor Debtors.

The Petition of Richard Bennett brought from the Council by ~~Richard Bennett~~ John Holland praying Leave to bring in a Bill to sell the Lands of John Howell Mariner to reimburse to him ten Pounds thirteen Shillings and Nine Pence overpaid in his Administration. Indorsed as follows

By the Council in Assembly December 8th 1700

This Petition with the Petitioner's Account of his Administration on John Howell's Estate referred to the Consideration of the House of Delegates to give Leave to bring in a Bill as prayed. Signed & Order W. Bladen R. C.

Which being read and debated put to the Question whether the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill or not? Carried by Majority of Votes in the Negative

The Petition of John Richard and Jacob Stallings again read and referred for Consideration the next Session of Assembly.

John Smith from the Committee of Aggravations reports to the House as follows

By the Committee of Aggravations December 8th 1700

It is humbly offered to this Committee as an Aggravation to the Province in General that the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer of the several County Courts being issued of late to ten thousand Pounds of Tobacco or fifty Pounds Sterling has occasioned many Law suits to be brought into the Provincial Court if enlarged would prevent and likewise be more to the Ease of the Suitors of the said Courts. All which is humbly referred by this Committee as an Aggravation to the ^{Honble} House of Delegates and that they will address his Excellency to enlarge the said Commissions

Signed & Order W. Bladen R. C.