

Upon reading the foregoing Report in the House Resolved its an Aggravation and that his Excellency be address'd to restore the Power of admitting and suspending Attorneys to the Justices of the several Courts as formerly

It is further offer'd to the Committee as an Aggravation That whereas several Merchants trading into this Province through Proctors of having leave from his Excellency the Governor has kept Stores and dispos'd of their Commodities out of the Towns against the Form of the late Act of Assembly made to the contrary; and altho' several of them have been presented by the Grand Jurors at the Assizes for the same yet the Attorney General of this Province, has neglected to proceed thereon which has been great Means of Discouragement of many People that would proceed in Building the Said Towns whereby they have lost the Advantage of the Time given them by the Said Act to build on the said Lots which cannot be recalled without the Assistance of this General Assembly. All which is humbly refer'd to the Consideration of the Honble House of Delegates Signed J. O. Neale Clerk

Upon Reading the above Report it is by the House Resolved an Aggravation and Order'd the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill to give longer Time to build in Towns &c and that his Excellency be address'd as to the Attorney General not prosecuting the Profections found

The House adjourn'd till to Morrow Morning ten O'Clock

Thursday 9th December 1700 The House met according to Adjournment Being call'd over were present as Yesterday. Read what was done Yesterday Bill confirming the Charter of the City of Annapolis Read the first Time and refer'd to the Committee of Laws for Consideration

Resolved That Mr. Speaker and 10 other Members be a sufficient Number to make a House and to proceed on Business this Session several of the Members being wanting. The Committee of Laws order'd to go out on their Business Then the Address to her Majesty was read and approv'd and order'd Thomas Jones make two fair Copies thereof

Bill confirming the Title of Lands to John Hyde and the Heir at Law of John Gandy Read first and second Times and will pass.

Ordinance giving Power to the Justices of the County Courts to grant Ordinary Licences and take Security for Ordinary-Keepers keeping good Rules and Orders in their Houses and getting the Rates of Liquors. Read and appointed to by this House and order'd to be enter'd at the End of this Journal

Petition of some of the Inhabitants of Baltimore County Read touching the Election of their Delegates; and in regard they had no cause of Complaint, the Petition reject'd by the House.

Order'd That Richard Dallam Clerk of this House be allow'd in Part of this Years Salary four thousand Pounds of Tobacco this present Levy to be paid in Calvert County