

admitting and suspending the Attorneys and Practitioners and they will take all due care that none shall be admitted but such as shall merit the same by their fair and honest Practice. We also acquaint your Excellency there has been Complaints made to this House that several Merchants trading into this Province under Pretence that your Excellency and Council have given them Leave have kept Stores at several Places not being Ports contrary to a Law made in this Province, several of which Merchants have been punished at the Assizes for Breach of the said Law. But the Quens Attorney General hath refused to prosecute them according to the Law aforesaid. We therefore humbly pray that your Excellency will be pleased to lay your Commands on the Attorney General that when any such Prosecution shall be made that he prosecute all such who shall make any Breach of that or any other Law to be dispensed withal without our Consent. Signed by Order Richd. Dallam
R. Jo. Deb.

The House adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten O'clock

Saturday 11th December 1700. The House met according to Adjournment. Being called over were present as Yesterday. Read what was done Yesterday. Bill for Relief of poor Debtors and languishing Prisoners. Read the first and second Times and by especial Order will pass.

Sent up to his Excellency and Council for their Consideration by Mr. Covington and Mr. Homsley with the Message prepared last Night. They return and say they deliver the same

Colo. Coursoy from the Council enters the House and ~~reads~~ ^{desires} the Resolves of this House relating to Talbot County Court House might be sent to the Council which was accordingly done. Mr. Colgate a Member of this House for Baltimore County being lame hath Leave given him to go Home.

Samuel Young Esq; from the Council enters the House and delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message. By the Council in Assembly December 11th 1700—

Proposed that those that are at Oxford may give their Pole there and those that are for having the Court House in the Center of the County give their Pole at Pitts Bridge and that three of the Justices be appointed to take the Pole vizt Mr. Matthew Selghman Ward, Mr. Robert Ungle and Mr. John Dawson or any one of them at Oxford; Mr. Thomas Robins, Mr. James Lloyd, and Doctor Bullen or any one of them at Pitts Bridge: And that this Assembly appoint the Day and that the Return to be sealed up which is thought advisable to avoid wrangling

Signed by Order W. Bladen R. Co.

Ordered it be read in a full House on Monday Morning—

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten O'clock.

Monday 13th December 1700 The House met according to Adjournment