

in the Town School Town referred to the weather so that several Certificates of Land and other Instruments therein relating to Lands are damaged and spoiled Amongst which we find several Certificates of Land returned near about that Time which are indyde, Entered upon Record tho' no such Record to be founde Recommend it to the consideration of your House whether it may not be proper to appoint some fit Person to inspect and take an Account of the Papers and Books (if any) in that Chest and that such Certificates as are not entered on Record may be so done by the next Session of Assembly and the said Chest and Papers better secured in the Land Office. And whereas it is said a Book concerning Lands in Ann Arundel and Prince Georges County was burnt in the late Time of the Court House and that Mr James Keath has acquainted some of the Members of this Board that he had a Book wherein are the Copies of the Certificates recorded in the aforesaid Book so burnt taken by Mr Ewan Thomas and Mr Thomas Jones now living and will make Oath thereto we desire your whether it may not be proper to have the said Record renewed by transcribing

Signed by Order W Bladen Secy

Which was read and upon reading the first Part of the said Message its the Opinion of the House that it is the Secretary's Duty to remove the Chest and take Care of the Papers and Ordered he be sent for and acquainted therewith The Secretary appeared and Mr Speaker acquainted him that it was the Opinion of the House that it was his Duty to take the Chest and secure it in his Office and that he take a List of all the Papers Books and Certificates therein and lay before this House the next Session of Assembly which he promised to do. And then Mr Secretary withdrew. And Ordered the other Part of the Message be referred till to Morrow Morning for Consideration

Bill for Relief of Tobias and John Lollard, read the second Time & will pass
 Bill for Relief of Thomas Edmonson Esq. Read the first Time and ordered a second Reading

Bill for Relief of Matthew Welfon Read the first Time and ordered a second Reading to Morrow Morning And that Mr Juy have Liberty to attend the House and make his Objections (if any)

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock

Thursday November 3. 1709 The House met according to Adjournment and being called over were present as Yesterday

Ordered that Mr John Salter, Mr Robins, Mr Dars, Mr Colgate and Mr Hornsby be and are appointed to go out and view the Court House Building and see if Mr Bladen has complied with his Bargain report it to the House with all convenient