

There can not be forgot the Order of the Parliament of Great Britain that Express on our behalfing
particular. We are so fully satisfied with the great benefit the Encouraging the making of Hemp and
to the Province by the Act made the second day of April Anno Domini 1706 for encouraging
the making of Hemp and Flax within this Province shall not be found by Experience and further
observation to that End we shall very willingly proceed to a further Consideration thereof and beg your
Execution and the Hon^{ble} Councils Assistance therein.

It is with in finite Satisfaction we pursue your Excellency good Inclinations in general to the
welfare and advantage of this Province, and particularly in recommending to us the improve-
ment of Navigation and the Education of our Youth, things which will undoubtedly render us
happy in our Circumstances and Considerable to our Neighbouring Colonies and which we think our
selfes obliged in duty to our Country to promote as far as in us lyeth with regard had to the poverty
of this Province.

We must beg your Excellency leave to refer what other matters of weight you have proposed
to our more Sollicit Consideration. We likewise beg leave to acquaint your Excellency that the good
Reverence you have given up of his Majesty's private virtues and the true representation of them
in your self together with the extraordinary zeal and diligence you have always shewn for
his Majesty's Service, especially by your Proclamation of his Rights in the most expeditious
manner after notice thereof secured us too far of our happy Circumstances that our Common
good obliges us to pray for his Majesty's long and prosperous Reigns and for your Excellency's
health in a Continued Government over us.

Signed by Order Thomas Mather Clerk of the House

The aforesaid answer is sent up to his Excellency the Gov^r by Mr. Rowley Mr. Ward Mr. Lybe
Capt. Cloghly Major Phillips Mr. Ballard Mr. Joseph Hill and Mr. Jackson but

They Returne and say they delivered this

The Petition of Richard Manning being read the Consideration of the House thereon is referred
to the fourth day of next Sessions and likewise it is referred for all the Evidence to be raised by
the parties concerned to appear then to give their Testimony and Whereas William Phillips
of Dorchester County has been summoned to appear as an Evidence on behalf of both sides
before this house and refused to obey the same it is Ordered that Summons issue to him
requiring his appearance before the Bar of this house on the fourth day of next Assembly
to answer for his Contempt and further to give his Evidence in behalf of the Petitioner
the matter in this Petition.

Ordered that the Clerk of this house for the time being on the application of any
person seeking relief before this house issue Summons requiring all Evidence to be raised
to appear before the Bar of this house and also to the parties to be complained of and
all whom such relief is pray'd taking the same fees as is allowed the Secretary
in such Cases.

The Petitions of Thomas Larkin and Samuel Chambers being read in this house are
referred to be considered of till next Tuesday at which time all persons concerned having
the notice are to appear before this house.

The House adjourns till one o'clock in the afternoon
Friday afternoon

The house met again according to Adjournment pursuant as in the preceding
John Hall Esq^r from the Hon^{ble} Council deliver'd the following viz
Copy of the Royall Instructions to his Excellency the Gov^r of Maryland.
You are to transmit Authentick Copies of all Lawes Statutes and Ordinances that are now
made and in force which have not yet been sent and which at any time hereafter shall
be made or enacted within our said Province each of them Separately unless this
Publick shall write us and our Commission of your Trade and Plantations within three
Months or by the first opportunity after their being enacted together with Duplicate
thereof by the next Conveyance upon pain of our highest displeasure and for-
feiture of that Years Salary.

And that it may be the better understood what Act and Lawes are in force in our
said Province of Maryland You are with the assistance of the Council thereof