Lordship the Lords Proprietary's prerogative yet to Gratifye the Pet^rs wee Recomend the petition to your recomendation where the place may be proper to build a new Court house on for Calvert county and to prepare a short bill Impowering the Justices of that County to purchase a reasonable Quantity of Land to build the said Court house on and to Leavye the necessary charges of the same Signed p order W Bladen & Up^r ho:

And on full consideration and debate had thereon the said petition is rejected

The house adjournes till one in the afternoon

And the house was then called over and the members were present as in the Fore noon

Mr Bordley from the Comittee of Laws delivers Mr Speaker a bill for the Securety of the peace and Safety of his Lordships Governm^t and the Protestant Religion within this Province

Which was read the first time and Comitted for amendment

The Report of the Comittee of accounts of the 24th instant on John Rousby Esqr his account of the 3^d p hh^d appropriated for the purchasing armes and Amunition for defence of this Province from the 9th of November 1707 to the 28th day of October 1715 being reasumed was ordered to be again read.

And a motion made the Question was putt whether his accounts as now stated shall pass and be allowed of or not

Resolved in the Negative by Majority of Voices.

And thereupon It was ordered that the same be referred for further consideration

The Honourable Co^l Coursey Co^l Wm Whittington and Lt Co^l Richard Tilghman deliver Mr Speaker the following Message (Viz^t)

By the Up^r house of Assembly July 26th 1716

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In answer to your Message by Co^l Stackall and others It is the opinion of this house that altho^s the Legislature of the Province to redress a general aggrievance Complained of and represented from all parts of this Province have (giveing way to the hard circumstances of the Inhabitants) thought fitt to oblige the Pl^ts in any action not Exceeding 5000 ^tt To^bs or twenty pounds to Sue in the County courts and not Elce where yet wee cannot think this aggrievance now proposed has any Colour of being general or any ways foresee any greater hardships to the Pl^ts here then what his Majestys Subjects of England lye under being obliged to follow their causes to the Superior courts provided such habeas Corpus be duely obtained (That is to say) the previous requisites performed in order for the attainment thereof (Viz^t) good Securety given to abide the Superior courts Judgment and a Judges allowance on the Back of the writ, and likewise that it is offered before the Issue Joyned or any one Juror Sworne in the lower Court, and not for a less Sume than limited, So that what you offer wee conceive has no weight in Bail with the other General aggrievances of many people being brought to the Provinceal court, where they have neither Neighbours or freinds to baile them to their Great exepence and Impowerishment but if it should be granted because the legislature has thought fitt to Enact the other for the defendants advantage and at their prayer yet wee think it will still be invadeing the Subjects birth right to deny the def^ts the benefite of the