to favour the [illegible] especially when [illegible] that it may [illegible]
happen that Pltfs interest in the County may be Part more prevalent than
the defendants, So that he cannot reasonably expect an Impartial tryall
there, and it is Further observed that Since the people have desired to be Sued
in their own Countys. it is not likely they will remove any Suits unless there
be Especial cause which we Cant Easily [illegible] to debate them off. Signed p order W Bladen Clk Up. H.
The Honble The Lt Brooke Esq. from the Up. House delivers M. Speaker the petition of Some of the Inhabitants of the Buts Sd
of Potapsco in Baltimore County praying to be Severed from Baltimore County & united to Annarundell County indorsed
thus (viz)

By the upper house of Assembly July the 26 1716

The petition being thought reasonable by this House wee doe recomend
it to your house to admitt a bill to be brought in for annexing that
part of Baltimore County now on the South Side of Potapsco to
Annarundell County as prayed Signed p order W Bladen Sup. ho.

The house adjournes till to morrow morning 8 a Clock

Die Veneris 27° Die July 1716.

The house mett and members being called over were present as yesterday

Then the proceedings of Yesterday were read.

On a motion made that the Question be putt whether It shall be Further
insisted on by a Supplementary bill to the acts about relieveing the
Inhabitants of this Province from Some aggrievances in the prosecution
of Suites the defend^t be restrained from removing a Suite brought agam
him in the County court for any demand not Exceeding 5000^tt Tob. or
20^tt to the Provincial court.

Resolved in the affirmative by Mayority of votes.

and thereupon the Following Message being prepared is ordered
to be Entred as Follows (Viz^t)

By the Lower House of Assembly July 27th 1716

May it please your hon^rs

As Further reasons than what wee have hereto fore
offered for passing the Supplementary bill proposed, Wee begg your Hon^rs
bill consider that the end of the act for the Speedy recovery of Small debts in
the County courts will be Lended and merchants and traders hindred from
recovering their debts the first court according to the designe of the Said Act
if removalls by Habeas Corpus be not prevented which will not only very
much discurage Trade but be a means to Imponverish the Inhabitants and if
Such Suits be removed the defend^t will have a great opportunity to
Demurr to the Plts declaration which thro the general unskillfulness of the
County courts attorneys are for the most part Faulty and if the removalls
be restraine and the cause tryed in the County courts these Faults are in
a great measure aided by Several Statutes after tryal and therefor hope
you'l agree to this Bill that a remedy may be provided for the Plt
Equal to that which is provided for the defendant

Signed p order Tho. Macnemara C. L. ho.

Sent to the up^r House by Ed Hoskins Mr Polard, Mr Brannock M^r
Gayler Mr Hopkins. Attend Capt Dallahide

They return and say they delivered the Message

Mr Bordley from the Committee of Lawes delivers Mr Speaker
a Bill laying an Additional duty of 4^tt Sterling p pole on Negroes
and Irish Servants and it being moved that the former vote whether the 4^tt shall
be Sterling or Current be resumed the Question was putt whether the additional
duty Shall be 4^tt Sterl^g or 4^tt Current. Resolved it be Currency and
Ordered the bill be amended accordingly and that it shall be redd to morrow
morning