

be prepared accordingly which was prepared and is as follows #
By the Lower house of assembly February the 26. 1721 May it please your Honours
Mr John Caldwell having moved this house that the Govt appointed to compleat the
Agreem. with him for repairing the Court house may have power to give him Orders
in the Treasurer of the Western Shore for so much Money as he shall have Occasion
of towards carrying on the work (at their Discretion) and on the finishing the said
work to Order him the ballance that shall be then remaining due to him, we are willing
to agree thereto and accordingly have Entered a Resolⁿ on our Journall w^{ch} which
we Desire your Honours Concurrence - signed of Order Alderney of Lower house
Which was sent to the Upper house by Mr Caldwell and Mr Wilmore they return
and say they Delivered writ - Col^l John Mackall from the Comitee of Elections and
priviledges return the following report viz^t By the Comitee of Elections & priviledges
26th February 1721 On Inspection into the Indentures for Col^l John Ward a Member returned
for Cecil County we find ^{him} duly Elected. We doe not find any writ or Indenture ret^u
for Capt. John Dowsy a Member for Baltimore County but are informed by John Hall Esq^r
Col^l James Maxwell and Mr Roger Mathews that they were at the Election and the people
Inhabitants of the County appeared to be fully satisfied therewith w^{ch} we humbly submit to
the Consideration of the house signed of Order John Gibson Esq^r Comitee
Col^l Addison from the Upper house Delivers his Speech the Bill for the relief of sundry persons
being prisoners with a Petⁿ of Henry Sargby Ward of Ann Arundell County for the allowance
to the Goalor of the prison for the City of Annapolis for keeping sev^l prisoners & Memorandums
of their Charge & the foll^g message viz^t By the Upper house of assembly Feb^r the 26th 1721
Gentlemen You will see by the Memorandums here with sent, the Exposed of the Imprisonment
of the prisoners proposed to be released by the bill w^{ch} we send you w^{ch} the Petⁿ of this County
Petition w^{ch} shows the Hardship he and his Goalor lay under if a provision is not made in
their favour we think the profits of the Sher^{iff} Office (of this County especially) will hardly
bare the loss of the Imprison^{ment} fees of so many prisoners as are (almost) every session released
and therefore Desire your Consideration of their Case and a proper relief for them w^{ch} we
perswaded you will be the readier to do when you consider the extraordinary Expence of maintaining
prisoners at this place - signed of Order Sam^l Shippen Esq^r Upper house
which was read and referred to your Honours for further Consideration - John Hall Esq^r
and too Ollow from the Upper house Delivers his Speech the explanatory Bill to the Tobacco
Act with the following message w^{ch} was read and ordered to be Entered as follows viz^t
By the Upper house of assembly February the 26. 1721. Gentlemen we are sorry to find
you so positively Resolved not to make any provision by Act to restrain the Exportation
of Freshly Tob^{acco} out of this province; for we do not think any other Expedient can be found
that will prove so effectual for doing of it nor can we foresee any Danger of perjury
in taking Oaths so easily Complied with as those proposed in our Amendment of the
Tobacco Law. But rather than so beneficial a Law should be entirely Lost or Continued
in such a Manner as that many Conscientious persons cannot Comply with it. we are
willing that the explanatory Bill proposed by your house should pass w^{ch} paragraph
Added thereto making the penalty mentioned in the former Law to be recovered
before any two Justices of the peace who shall be obliged to do so in three days after application