

County Courts are sent up to the Honble Council by Mr. Funnell  
and Mr. Stone, They returned and say they Delivered the Bill -  
Cott Herman from the Committee of Laws delivers Mr. Speaker  
An Imposed bill for laying an Imposition on Negroes and on  
severall sorts of Liquors imported and also on Irish Servants -  
to prevent the importing too great a number of Irish Papists into  
this Province which was read and assented to by the House of  
Delegates and ordered to be thus endorsed viz.

May the 24<sup>th</sup> 1715.

Read and assented to by the House of Delegates and

Signed for order Thomas Macermond Clk.

The Same is sent up to the Honble Council by Mr. Warfield and  
Capt. Dallahide - They returned and say they Delivered the Same.  
Cott MacCall from the Committee of Laws delivers Mr. Speaker -

A Bill to supply an Omission in the writing the Last Will and Testament of  
Raphael Gaywood late of St. Marys County Esq. Deed and settling an  
Estate of Inheritance in fee simple on Robert Scott Clarke and Charles  
Brale Planter the Executors and Divisees in the said will named which  
was read the first and second time in the house of Delegates by Special  
Order and will pass and be endorsed

The same is sent up to the Honble Council by Mr. Greenfield & Mr. Hudson  
They returne and say they Delivered the bill.

Cott Tho. Addison from the Honble Council delivers Mr. Speaker the two  
following Bills viz.

A Bill for Ordering and Regulating the Militia thus Endorsed viz.

By the Council in Assembly May the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1715.

Read the first and second time by Special Order and will pass  
with the following Amendments (viz) that there be a reasonable fine  
imposed on such persons who shall refuse to accept Commissions  
from the Gov. of this Province or Commander in Chief for the time being  
and that any Commission Officers that shall refuse or neglect to appear at  
any Muster or Training, unless his Lawfull Excuse be admitted by the  
Field Officers shall be fined five hundred pounds Tobacco. And that  
an account of all fines imposed by this Law be yearly transmitted to  
the Gov. and Council for their inspection on penalty of five hundred  
pounds Tobacco on the Major of the County and that all the fines in this  
Law be applied to the use of the Militia of the County.

Signed for order W. Madem Clk. Cont.

The bill is referred to be considered of till the afternoon -

Also a Bill relating to servants and slaves thus endorsed viz.

By the Council in Assembly May the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1715.

Read the first time and recommended that a Clause be added limiting  
how many stripes it shall be lawfull for a Master to give his white