

Saturday Morning 25th May 1715.

The House met according to adjournment so sent as on Yesterday

Then was read the Proceedings of this House on Yesterday.

A Bill proposed by his Excellency the Gov. and Council brought down on Yesterday by Col^l Bourne and G. Col^l Selghman for ascertaining the bounds of Land within this Province was Read the first and second times and the following Message was prepared thereon viz^t.

By the House of Delegates (May) the 25th 1715.

May it please Y^r. Excellency and Honours

We have Read with great Satisfaction the bill proposed by you Excellency and Hon^{rs}. for ascertaining the bounds of Lands within this Province the first and second time; and as we find the same to be an excellent well and vigorously devised bill and tending to the good and welfare of this Province, the reducing the same into practice being particularly owing to your Excellency's Speech to the House of Delegates in October Assembly last, we we hold our selves bound to render you Excellency and Honours our most hearty thanks for devising soe usefull a Law as nothing that is new can be perfect at its first invention, we humbly propose the following amendments which we hope you Excellency and Honours on Consideration will find usefull for putting the said Law in practice, with which the said Bill will pass viz^t page 3. 18 line - or part or parcel of any tract or tracts of land; page 3. 21 line any ways interested in such dispute page 7. 15 line or each of us of same page 16 line - a clause to be added for Sheriff, Coroners pay due obedience to y^r Com^{ts}. as to the Prov^l. Court which is heretofore and a proviso that where bounds have been settled or determined before this time by law suites, arbitration or otherwise, such determination appearing upon Records, shall as soe settled and determined remaine continue and be noe way subject to any alteration whatsoever by virtue of this act; and notwithstanding this Law the Prov^l. Court may determine all actions of Trespass and Ejectment already depending before them or which shall be commenced before the first day of June Seventeen hundred and sixteen ag^t persons beyond seas but the Law soe far as it concerns the people of this Province to be enforce immediately after the end of this Session -

Signed for Ord^r. W. Maersmore Ch. Secy.

The same is sent up^{to the} to the Hon^{ble} Council by W. Tyler Col^l Machall Mr. Hill, Major Willson, Capt. Mariarte Mr. Wright Capt. Ballant, Capt. Tripp Mr. Hudson and Mr. Hopkins -

They Returne and say they delivered the bill and Message Philemon Lloyd Esq^r from the Hon^{ble} Council Deliver W. Speaker, A Bill for direction of Sherriff in their offices and restraining their all practices within this Province thus Indorsed viz^t.