

The want of a Place to walk and exercise in, and to receive the Benefit of the fresh Air; the Want of a Well or Pump, which would furnish the poor Prisoners with a sufficient Quantity of cool, clean Water, not only to wash and keep themselves clean, but slack their Thirst, are very great Additions to their Miseries; and the Want of a proper Receptacle for their Excrements, occasions a constant Stench, especially in hot Weather, intolerable to the poor Creatures who are confin'd near it, and indeed, dangerous and offensive to others: And should the Number of Prisoners be considerable, and they be afflicted with any Epidemical or Pestilential Distemper, your Committee apprehend, that the Excrements of Persons so afflicted, lying expos'd in the Manner already mentioned, may very probably occasion the Spreading the Infection. This our own Reason suggested to us, and we are confirmed in the Justness of the Observation, by the Opinion of several Physicians, whom we have consulted on this Occasion. In a Word, your Committee look on the Goal of *Annapolis*, in it's present Condition, to be a Place of almost constant and uninterrupted Torment, to such poor unhappy Men as are confined therein.

Your Committee therefore humbly conceive, that such Measures ought to be taken, as to make a Restraint of Liberty (in it self very grievous) tolerable to poor Men, who have had, or shall have the Misfortune to become indebted more than they can pay; and as an Expedient for that End, your Committee propose, that there be a better and more commodious Goal built in *Annapolis*, with so much Ground, sufficiently inclosed about it, as may suffice for the Prisoners to wash and exercise in, that there be a Well or Pump, and a proper Receptacle for their Ordure: And whether the like Provision ought not to be made in every County in the Province, your Committee submit to the Consideration of the House.

The Ground which the Goal of *Annapolis* stands on, is Part of one of the Lotts belonging to the Church.

D. Dulany,
Levin Gale,
John Beale.

And delivered the same to Mr. Speaker.

On reading the said Report, it is *Ordered*, that a Bill be brought in, to empower the Justices of the several Counties, to levy Tobacco on the Taxable Persons in their Counties, towards purchasing of Land, whereon to build Goals, and towards the Building or Repairing Goals in the several Counties, as near as may be to the several County Court Houses.

The Bill, entituled, *an Act for laying out the Town anew, called Marlborough, Town, &c.* was read the Second Time, and passed; and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Crabb*, and Col. *Belt*; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the same.

The House adjourns 'till To-morrow Morning, Eight of the Clock.

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Saturday Morning, August 28, 1731.

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all present as Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Major *King*, Major *Hanson*, Mr. *Crabb*, and Capt. *Gordon*, are appointed a Committee, to inspect into the Condition of the *Stadt-house*, and to Report to the House, what Reparations they think necessary to be made.

Mr. *Chamberlain*, produced to the House, a Receipt from Mr. *William Hunt*, Merchant in *London*, which was Ordered to be entered on the Journal in these Words, *viz. Received of Mr. John Hanbury, by Samuel Chamberlain's Bill of Exchange on him, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling Money, and in Part of Three Hundred and Eighty One Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, and Ten Pence, Ordered by the General Assembly of the Province of Maryland, the 13th of June, 1730, to be transmitted into my Hands, by*  
Frances