

Mr Hammond, from the Upper House Delivers M^r Speaker the following Message
Gentlemen By the Upper House of Assembly April 5th 1736

This Address to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary herewith Sent
Is Signed by John Hall Esq^r President on behalfs of this House Signed Order
Prop^d Upper House

A Bill Entitled an Act for Building a Publick Goal in Annapolis and to Defray
The Expence thereof Read first time and ordered to lye on the Table. —

M^r Matthew from the Committee of Grievances Delivers to M^r Speaker
The following Report By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice
3th April 1736 Your Committee having Examined The Returns made from the
Justices of the Several County Courts relating to the State of their records —
Pursuant to an order from his Excellency the Governour in Council do find —
That by the Return of the Justices from St Marys County their records begin
with the Year 1658 that Several of their Books want binding parts of Some want
Transcribing, and some have lost leaves that from August Court 1725 to June
Court 1728. the proceedings are not Entered up Except the same June Court which
is Entered in a paper Book without a Cover in pretty good Repair that Mich^l
Teuffer was Clerk of St Marys County in those Years that the papers are regularly
Wrapt together and in Tolerable good Condition that from the Year 1730 to this
Present time M^r Thomas Brook being Clerk the proceedings are not entered but
The Papers since that time are in good order

That by the Return of the Justices from Charles County their records —
Appear to be in good order and repair Except some of the oldest Books worn out
by time and use

That by the Return of the Justices from Annapundell County their records
Appear to be Regularly Entered till the Year 1722 Except part of August most
part of November and all March Courts that in the Year 1723 June Court Judgments
are Entered but November, and March Courts in the same Year, and also June
August November and part of March Courts 1724 and from that time till June 1734
The Judgements are not Entered that from the Year 1712 to the Year 1724 the Books
are not Alphabetized that M^r John Beale was Clerk in the Years forementioned
Year 1734 the Proceedings are Regularly Entered

That by the Return of the Justices from Prince Georges County their
Records Appear to be in good order and Repair

That by the Return of the Justices from Baltimore County their
Records appear to be in good order but that from the Year 1665 to 1715 they
find no Original Papers

That by the Return of the Justices from Kent County their Records
and Papers since the time M^r James Smith hath been Clerk which began in the Year 1727
Appear to be in good order and Repair that the Books before that time are much
worn and the Original Papers greatly Decayed