

Original Journal. ping where ffive hundred Saile of Shipps at Least may securely ride at Anchor before the City, haveing alsoe most sutable and convenient points of Land and proper places for Erecting and building of fforts block houses and Other ffortifications and Edifices for the Security and Defence of such Shipping, the keeping and preserveing the publick Magazine and the Records of the Province.

p. 53 4 And as such and for divers other reasons then appearing in the yeare 1662 a convenient part or portion of the said Land was by the representative body of the province bought and purchased for the building of a State house and prison and twelve yeare after to wit Anno 1674 his Lspp: by and with the advice and consent of the rep^resentative body of this province passed An Act for the building of a State house and prison in the said place w^{ch} cost the Countrey at that time three hundred and thirty thousand pounds of tobacco

5 That the Inhabitants of the said City themselves for their further security in haveing the Courts of judicature and other publick Offices and meeteings continued among them humbly mooved his Lsp: wth their free Offering of one hundred thousand pounds of tobacco towards the Erecting and building for his Lspp a dwelling house at West Sn^t Maries convenient & adjacent to the s^d City w^{ch} Sum^e of tobacco they duely and punctually paid and complied with.

6 His Lspp notwithstanding to gratifie the Request of Some persons & Studying the ease and conveniency of the people according to some motives to him then made, did in the yeare 1683 remove the Records together wth the Offices and Court of Judicature, as also the Assembly then convened, to the Ridge in Anne Arrundell County whereby the Inhabitants in those parts finding themselves greivously burdened and altogether incapable to make provision for soe greate a Concourse of people became Suito^{rs} to his Lsp to remove to some other place w^{ch} accordingly he soone after did to Battle Creeke in Pettuxen River, where the provinciall Court after it had continued for the space of three dayes, onely were (for want of necessary accomodations) obliged to breake up abruptly; great part of their business unfinished.

7 After all his Lsp haveing made tryall of the most probably convenient places for the holding of his Courts of Judicature and other public Meeteings as afd found the same altogether incommodious and most inconvenient and at last by the Advice of his Covncill found himselfe obleiged to returne to the first and antient place of Sn^t Maries.

p. 54 8 And for the encouragem^t of the Inhabitants of the same, & the better to Enable them to make provision for the accomodation of such persons as should have occasion to