

Port of Annapolis, Decemb^r the 12th 1696. Lib. H. D.

The Report of the State house. The Report of Severall Persons appointed by his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r and the prov^{ll} p. 432 Court to View the New Court House and Consider what Methods must be taken for securing the same against the Weather.

The Persons appointed Viz^t.

The hon^{ble} Thomas Brooke Esq^r and Coll John Courts of his Ma^{ts} hon^{ble} Councill.

Cap ^t Richard Hill	}	Justices of the Prov ^{ll}
Cap ^t Philip Hoskins		
Maj ^r Edward Dorsey	}	Burgesses of Assembly
M ^r Will ^m Hemsley		
M ^r W ^m ffreeman	}	Bricklayers.
M ^r Henry Crofts		
M ^r Alexand ^r Graves		

William Bladen appointed Clerk to draw up this Report, In Consideracōn the Weightiest part of the Work is done. We find that the House is two Thirds done not only as to the Work but alsoe the Charge thereof.

That in Case Colonel Herman do not forthwith Send the laths Shingles and other Materialls for Covering the House and immediately proceed to doe the same Care must be taken and persons agreed with and imployed to cover it with planck at his Charge. That it is absolutely necessary that the Door Cases Cornish and Window fframes be immediately secur'd by priming them and clapboarding up the Windowes and Door Cases to keep the Weather off.

That in Case Coll: Herman does not vigorously proceed to goe on and ffinish the Work that some other Methods be taken and persons Agreed with to doe the same at his Charge.

Lastly that Colonell Herman have immediate Notice thereof:

Signed p Ord^r

W Bladen Clk.

His Exncys
Comunicacōn
abt the State
House

The s^d matter being maturely debated upon and the Workmen asked what Sumē of money they thought would be Required to ffinish the House according to the Contract which was Read unto them, who do say that they believe ab^t 400^{ll} will perfectly finish it, they are asked if in Case Coll: Herman had minded his business and lost no time, but had alway's kept hands tendance and provided materialls Sufficient whether the House might not have