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Journal. The Resolves of this house upon his Ex^{cys} proposalls considered yesterday read and sent to the Councill, by M^r Hutchison and M^r Beale. Resolved that the clarke of this house give notice to the hon^{ble} S^r Thomas Laurence Barr^t his Maty^s Secretary of this province and to M^r Charles Carroll Clk: of his Lordsip^a Land office to attend the house on Friday in the after noon in order to satisfy them how they both demand fees for patents.

p. 181 His Ex^{cys} proposalls being taken into further Consideration Viz^t

That there be no Ordinaries kept in the Court houses where the Records are Kept Especially Talbot and Somersett Countys Court houses and that there be a brick chimney to each Court house if any at all. And that the said houses be railed in and no other houses suffered to adjoine to them. That there be better prisons if possible near the Court houses at least to have a cage therewith a whipping post and pillory that some man be agreed with to keep Each house for fear of fire.

Upon enquiry the house do find that in S^t Mary's County they haveing the use of the old Stadt house the Records are there kept.

That in Kent County there is no Ordinary near the Court house, it is built with a wooden Chimney and the Records are Generally kept att the Clerks house unless in Court times.

The records of Ann Arundell County Court are Lodged in the Stadt house att Annapolis, and the County Courts are kept in that house

The records of Calvert County are kept in a very good Court house and distance enough from any other houses in which no ordinaryes are Kept nor is there any chimney.

The Records of Charles County are kept att the Clk: house and there is no ordinary kept in the Court house.

The Com^{rs} of Baltemore County have built a small Room att a little distance from the Court house where the Records are to kept in the Court house is a wooden Chimney but no ordinary within four hundred yards of it.

Talbott County Court house cost a very considerable sume of Tobb^a and the keeping of an Ordinary therein cannot be avoided. It is most conveniently seated in the center of the said County to the Generall Satisfaction of the county and in yearly a considerable Rent.

The Records are kept there att present but the county will be willing to build a little house conveniently to lodge the Records in (wherein shall be no fire place) at some small distance from the said court house, but cañot consent that no ordinary should be kept therein.