

Original Journal. The hon^{ble} Coll^o Hen: Jowles Tho: Brook & James ffrisby Esq^r appoint^d to joyne in the s^d Co^mittee

p. 22 It is p^osed by this Board that a Law bee made for the most expeditious & easiest way of trying & deciding Differences between M^{rs} and Serv^{ts} & Serv^{ts} & M^{rs} there appearing no absolute necessity for the same as by a Case happening before this board sitting att a Court was heard & determined this night. Vpon perusall of the sev^l County leavy this year: It is reco^mended to the house to consider whether the late practice of sending out Venire facias's from the County Courts ag^t serv^{ts} & others th^t have bastards may not be too Chargable and dilatory Way of p^oceeding: therefore p^osed th^t a more expeditious way bee found out if possible to hear & determine such matters.

Itt is likewise reco^mended th^t some means or other bee used to restraine the refractoriness of Seamen.

The hon^{ble} Thomas Brooke Esq^r upon his Applicac^on leave to retire home.

Att a Councill in a Gen^l Assembly
the 19th day of Mar^{ch} 1697/8.

The Councill again Sate & were all p^rsent as yesterday except the hon^{ble} Tho: Brook Esq^r

Brought from the house of Delegates the following Message by M^r Campbell M^r Lane M^r Hickers Maj^r Lowe M^r White M^r Carville M^r Tilghman M^r Elisha Hall M^r Sam^l Young M^r Whittington M^r Wilmer & M^r Jenkins Viz^t

To his Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r and his Maj^{tys} hon^{ble} Councill.

p. 23 The humble Address of all the Delegates of his Maj^{ty} province of Maryld now in Assembly sitting

Whereas It was complained to us that M^r George Plater M^r William Dent & M^r Robert Goldsborough had signed a certain oppinion about Law which yo^r Ex^{ncy} was generously pleased to lett us have att our Request this house upon full hearing of them their arguments and Presidents have resolved that it is a very dangerous opinion giving Liberty to the depriving and forejudging his Maj^{ties} Subjects of their ffreehold and livelyhood upon bare suggestions without any presentm^t of their Peers and to the exasperateing yo^r Ex^{ncy} against his Maj^{tys} Justices of this province for p^octecting people in their Rights according to their oathes to the great Vexation of his Maj^{tys} Subjects & dishonour of his Maj^{ty}. But if yo^r Ex^{ncy} & Councill will at the humble Address of his Maj^{tys} Subjects