

Ord'd that M^r Robert Grundy be brought againe into this house who Enters Resolved that M^r Robert Grundy high Sherif of Talbot County be fined for his neglect & not making a due returne of the Election of M^r Nicholas Lowe the sume of Two Thousand pounds of Tobacco and that he take the same writt and have it Signed by his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and make another Election Read the Petition of M^r W^m Dent.

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The Honble Tho: Tench and Ioⁿ Addisson Esq^r Enter the house and P^rsent the following Message.

By his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and Councill in Assembly
July 12th 1699:

It falling under the Consideration of this Board the great advantage that has been made by the Gen^l Assembly of this Province in the Religious worship of Almighty God & that this Place is become the Seat of Governm^t &c w^{ch} thereby requires the Constant residence of some Pious and able Divine being a place of great Concourse where p^{rs}ons of the best note & figure will resort besides the Publick meeting of Courts and assemblys but the Parish of it Self being soe small and Inconsiderable that it amounts not to any Suitable Encouragement to good meritt w^{ch} hath occassined his Ex^{cy} since his ariuall to require the attendance of the Clargy by Turnes at this Place w^{ch} in winter is Conceived will be very Burthensome besides depriveing their respective Parishes. p. 52

The reasons why this Parish was Layd out soe small was because it was allotted for the Residence & Cure of D^r Thomas Bray in whome vpon his arivall the Commissary office was Settled w^{ch} would Largely Supplye the Deficiency afsd but forasmuch as the said D^r Bray after Three Years Expectation is not yett arived nor has Given any assurance when he will come soe that this place without some Care will not be Supplied.

It is therefore Recommended to the house to Ioyne wth this Board in anexing the next adjacent Parish to this Place w^{ch} will make a Competent Support to some able and Discreet Divine to Come and reside here and p^rforme such Holy functions as are requisitt and becoming the place

Signed p^r Ord^r
W Bladen C^{lk} Councill.

The house Adjournes till two of the Clock.

Eod Die the house mett againe & were called over