

Original Journal. not forgetting that very Eminent one of Placing your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> as her Majestys Representative over us

April 4<sup>th</sup> 1706

Signed p order of the house Dellegates  
W Taylard Cl h D.

p. 12 Ordered that the Papers relating to the Zarr of Muscovys improving the Circasian tob<sup>o</sup> be sent to the House for their Perusall.

Colonel Hamond & Colonel Lloyd sent with the said Papers, the Petition of the Inhabitants of Annapolis & the following Message viz<sup>t</sup>

By the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council in Assembly Ap<sup>ll</sup> 4th 1706

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> observing that what white Serv<sup>ts</sup> are or have been for some years last past imported into this her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Province are generally Irish Papists Who are induced to come hither by the false 'tho Specious Pretences of the free Exercise of their Superstitious Worship and having lands at the head of the Bay settled on them on the Expiration of their tymes of Servitude, so that many hundreds have been lately imported, is pleased to aske the Advice of the Gen<sup>ll</sup> Assembly whether on due Consideration thereof there are not apparent Reasons her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s loyal good Subjects here Should be Apprehensive of that growing evil & more especially seing this sort of people are Seated in greate Numbers in Baltemore County and at the head of the Bay frontiers of this Province most

p. 13 lyable to the Invasions of the Co<sup>m</sup>on Enimye; Wherefore in case the Countreye thinke this deserves their Notice, His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> desires they will advise what Measures are to be taken for the prevention thereof; for that the Duty of 30 p poll is not any Discouragem<sup>t</sup> to that Importation,—And whether it be not reasonable by Some Law to forbid the Sale of Protestant Servants to Ma<sup>ty</sup>s of the Romish Church, they being generally Seduced in their Religion or otherwise misused in their Persons

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Council

Col Hamond & Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd returne & Say they have delivered their Message.

S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Secry of this Province his Petition to her Ma<sup>ty</sup>e and the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of Trade & Plantations Letter therewith being read. Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Sanders go down to the House with the following Message.