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By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1707

p. 25 Wheras the board has Inspected into the Plott or Draught of the County of Queen Anne it is the Unanimous opinion of the said Board that the Plantation of Maj<sup>r</sup> John Hawkins in Courseys Creek being nearest the Center of the said County is the most Proper and Convenient place for the Towne & Court house to be fixed therefore referred to the house of Delegates for their Consideration.

And likewise the Plott of Talbott County together with the Petition of the Inhabitants of the said County for the Court house being fixt at the Towne of Doncaster in Wye River; which has also been Inspected into and the opinion of the board given that the said Towne of Doncaster is the most proper and Convenient Place for the said Court house to be fixt And is likewise referred to the Consideration of the house of Delegates. Signed p<sup>r</sup> ord<sup>r</sup> W Bladen Cl Concil

The Boarde Adjourned untill nine of the Clock to morrow morning.

Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> 1707.

The Council mett Present M<sup>r</sup> Tench Coll Hamond Coll Jenkins L<sup>t</sup> Coll William Holland M<sup>r</sup> Sanders M<sup>r</sup> Cheseldyn Coll Ennals and M<sup>r</sup> Coursey.

Came M<sup>r</sup> Philips and Col Maxwell & Present M<sup>r</sup> John Hall newly Elected for Baltimore County who had the Oaths by Law required Administered unto him & Signed the Test & Declaration.

p. 26 Then was read a Bill for Suspending during the Queens Pleasure the Act to Prevent the Growth of Popery in this Province.

Whereupon his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Produced her Majestys order in Council for Continuieing the Bill of Suspension of the Prosecution of Romish Preists &c.

And the Scope of the said Bill now being Considered. It is not thought agreeable to her Majestys Comands or Instructions of the Assembly declared in the Act for Suspending the prosecution of Romish Priests Incurring the Penaltys of the Act of Assembly to Prevent the Growth of Popery for or by Reason of Exerciseing their function in a Private family of the Roman Comunion but in no other Case whatsoever And therefore ordered that another bill be Prepared agreeable to her Majestys Royall Comands which was read at the board unanimously approved of & Sent to the house by M<sup>r</sup> Tench.