

tion, and I heartily crave your Advice and Assistance in this Lib. 41. Juncture that for the future every Member of the Province may enjoy the Fruits of his Labour and Industry in Peace & Satisfaction.

Never let us be mistaken, Gentlemen in each other, but strive jointly & heartily to serve the Country the best and most judicious way we can & oppose whatever may be imagined prejudicial to it in any one Instance whatsoever.

Which being ended M<sup>r</sup> Speaker & the Members return to their House, and M<sup>r</sup> Speaker having taken the Chair he returned them Thanks for the Honour done him in their Choice promising them to discharge that great Trust laid upon him according to the best of his Ability.

Ordered that the Speaker & Delegates of Assembly meet at the House of Col<sup>o</sup> Dorsey in Annapolis every Day during this Session at Eight in the morning & sit till Twelve in the Afternoon and from two till four. And ordered that Notice be given by Beat of Drum twice in the Morning and once in the Afternoon And likewise that M<sup>r</sup> Wooten the Minister be desired to attend for Prayers at Eight o'Clock in the Morning and at tolling the Bell in the Afternoon.

Nothing else at Present lying before the House they adjourn till Eight O'Clock to Morrow Morning.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1704.

The House met again according to Adjournment, being called over were all present as Yesterday, only M<sup>r</sup> Henry Coursey sick.

M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Eccleston, M<sup>r</sup> John Taylor, M<sup>r</sup> John Hudson, & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Ennalls, members for Dorchester County enter the House and take their Places.

Ordered That his Excellency's Speech made last Night be read in the House which was done accordingly.

And ordered it be again read and considered of in the Afternoon.

M<sup>r</sup> William Dare, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Frisby, & M<sup>r</sup> William Pearce members for Cecil County enters the House & take their Places.

Moved by a Member on what Terms the Assembly sit in Col<sup>o</sup> Dorsey's House Col<sup>o</sup> Dorsey informs them it was by an Agreement w<sup>ch</sup> lyes in the Hands of Col<sup>o</sup> Hammond but forasmuch as Col<sup>o</sup> Dorsey, the Landlord being present in the House offers his House & Lot belonging to it at Rate of twenty Pounds Sterling Rent for one year certain & so for a longer Time if the House think fit at the Expiration of the