

L. H. J. Being present M<sup>r</sup> Speaker was pleased to hear what they had to say thereto and so withdrew

The Petition was again debated in the House.

Resolved by the House of Delegates That the County Court House be erected and settled at Oxford.

The House adjourns till two O'Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem The House met again and being called over were all present as in the Morning.

Ordered That the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County summons M<sup>r</sup> John Duvall to appear before this House to Morrow Morning 9 O'Clock whereof he is not to fail.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Hammond Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Council enters the House and delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker Enion Williams Petition and John Nicholls Petition which last being read it is ordered that John Nicholls Petition be referred till M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Lowe appear in the House.

Col<sup>o</sup> Hammond likewise delivered M<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Letter directed to his Excellency John Seymour Esq<sup>r</sup> Captain General and Governor of Maryland. Indorsed in Council Viz. By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly April first 1707 The within Letter is recommended to the Consideration of the House of Delegates

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Council

Ordered the same lye on the Table for further Consideration  
The Message relating to To Towns in Ann Arundel County was again read & ordered to be entered Viz.

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1707.

His Excellency has been informed that through the Remissness of the Commissioners appointed for laying out Towns in this County or the Shortness of Time whereto they were confined and limited the Town at West River is not laid out, nor the Town and Port of Annapolis is not yet surveyed according to Law and that most of the Lots in the Town and Port are ingross'd in three or four People's Hands to the great Discouragement of the Neighbours, who would build and inhabit therein, could they have the Opportunity of taking up Lots, which is left to the Consideration of the House

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

This Message being before debated in the House the first Part was considered of and the House now proceeds to con-