

November and part of March Courts 1724 and from that time till June 1734 The Judgements are not Entered that from the Year 1712 to the year 1724 the Books are not Alphabetized that M^r John Beale was Clerk in the years aforementioned That the original Papers for those years are in good order and that from the Year 1734 the Proceedings are Regularly Entered.

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That by the Return of the Justices from Prince Georges County their Records Appear to be in good order and Repair

That by the Return of the Justices from Baltimore County their Records appear to be in good order but that from the year 1665 to 1708 they find no original Papers.

That by the Return of the Justices from Kent County their Records and Papers since the time M^r James Smith hath been Clerk which begun in the year 1707 Appear to be in good order and Repair that the Books before that time are much worn and the Original Papers greatly Decayed. p. 631

That by the Return of the Justices from Queen Anns County it Appears that the Judgements for part of November Court 1716 to August Court 1718 and also part of August Court 1719 to August Court 1728 Dureing which time M^r Jam^s Knowles was Clerk are not Entered that the Original Papers for those years are very Confused That from the year 1718 the Levy lists and marks are not recorded, and That the Proceedings Since M^r Richard Tilghman was Clerk are in good order

That by the Return of the Justices from Talbot County their records Appear to be in good Order Considering the Unskillfullness of former Clerks

That by the Return of the Justices from Dorchester County in the Clerkship of Hugh Eccleston and of Govert Loockerman from the years 1716 to 1720 the proceedings are very Irregularly and Imperfectly Entered.

That your Committee have not received any Returns from Cecil Somerset and Calvert Counties concerning the State of their Records and that no Other Returns which have Appeared to your Committee (The Return from The Justices of S^t Marys County Excepted) make any mention of the time when their Records begun.

And your Committee refer to the Several Returns for more Particular Accounts of the State of the Records in Each County and are of Opinion That General Alphabets for the Land Record Books in Each County would much Conduce to their Preservation

All which we Submitt to the Consideration of the House

Signed p order. John Gibson Cl Com^{ry}

Which Report is referred to the Consideration of the next Assembly