

PROCEEDINGS AND ACTS  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF MARYLAND.

*At a Session held at Annapolis,  
May 26—June 11, 1697.*

CHARLES CALVERT, LORD BALTIMORE,  
*Proprietary.*

FRANCIS NICHOLSON,  
*Governor.*

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THE UPPER HOUSE.

Original altered the debt wee Consent that Execucōn may be granted  
Journal, to the present Sheriffe to leavy by Execucōn all those debts if  
the debtors refuse or delay payment

Assented to by his Ex<sup>cy</sup> W Bladen Clk Delegates.  
& his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s hon<sup>ble</sup> Council  
Hen Denton Cl Concl.

A peticōn of W<sup>m</sup> Sharpe endorsed together with a writt of  
Error recounted in fol 20.

A peticōn of Cap<sup>t</sup> William Holland endorsed as followes Viz<sup>t</sup>

By the house of delegates June the 3<sup>d</sup> 1697.

This house doe say that If Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Holland doe pay the  
debt in tobacco & the Comon interest therefore this yeare  
p. 28 they thinke it sufficient if his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> & his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s  
hon<sup>ble</sup> Council so thinke fit.

W Bladen Clk Delegates.

To which this Board make answer that the same is neither  
agreeable to law nor Equity that way of payment being the  
Comon Cheat among sheriffs which was ordered to be endorsed  
vpon the s<sup>d</sup> peticōn accordingly.

An Addicōnall bill to the Act for Recovery of small debts  
read first time & passed.

A Bill for the Confirming titles of land given to the vse of  
the Church &° read first time & will passe with Amendm<sup>t</sup>

The house are made acquainted that M<sup>r</sup> Geddes the School  
master sent in is placed out as vnder master to the Colledge  
Schoole in Virg<sup>a</sup> to save a present charge & to gaine himselve  
the more experience against the schole is here built.

Proposed that an Ordinance or law be made that in the  
Countys where ministers are they be obliged to Read divine  
Service at the said Courts vnder a penalty for neglecting the  
same & a fine to be put vpon the Justices & officers of the  
Court that dont Come &°

Brought from the house of Delegates by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hoskins &  
Maj<sup>r</sup> Walter Smith the following message Viz<sup>t</sup>

By the house of Delegates June the 3<sup>d</sup> 1697.

This house have in Concurrence with y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> & his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s  
hon<sup>ble</sup> Council given leave to our severall members appoynted  
to goe vpon the Indian treaty to depart the house in order to  
their Journy, but humbly desire it may not oblige vs to tarry  
for their returne.

Sign'd p ord<sup>r</sup> W Bladen Clk Delegates