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Journal. And it being found upon Enquiry that the Officers of the Militia in Ann Arundel County had not yet taken the said Oaths nor that they had ever been proposed to them

Ordered that the Commanders in chief in every County within this Province being Justices of the Peace tender the said oaths to the officers of the Militia under their Command, and return to his Excellency An Account of their Proceedings thereon

His Excellency acquaints the Board that for the Credit of the Country and that we may be the more capable of Expressing our Duty and Affection to his Majesty on his Birth day Coronation Day &c and otherwise of Saluting any Ships or Strangers that may Come to this Port he had procured fourteen Guns and caused them to be mounted on the State house hill which was very well approved of to be creditable & Necessary

The Board adjourned for 2 hours

Post Meridien

The Councill again Sat present as in the morning.

Came Major Dent and Mr Philemon Lloyd from the house & bring the Petition of John Needles Elizabeth his Wife; John Sherwood and Lucy his Wife, and Mary Mann Spinster, Praying an Act for the Confirmation of a certain deficient Testam^t of Edw^d Mann late of Talbot Co^{ty} Gent. dec^d (Father of the s^d Elizth Lucy & Mary) with the Report of the Committee of Laws thereupon Which being read was well approved of

p. 194 His Excell^{cy} & the Council are willing a Bill should be brought in to confirm the s^d deficient Testament as prayed for
The Board adjourned till 8 of the Clock to morrow morning

Wednesday March the 18th 1701

The Council in Assembly Sate Present as yesterday
Ordered that the following Message be sent to the House.

By his Excellency the Governour and Council in
Assembly March the 18th 1701

Herewith is sent you the right honourable the Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations Letter to his Excellency the Governour of the 22^d of July last requiring his Excellency to get the best Information he can relating to the Conduct of the Proprietary Governours & Governments upon