

U. H. J. 3<sup>dly</sup> Many abuses being Complained of to the Assembly done by the several Deputy Surveyors under the Lord Baltimore they thought expedient to prevent the same for the future that no one should act in that Station that would not qualify themselves as by the Laws directed the said Deputy Surveyours being Officers acting between the Lord Propry's & her Majesty's Subjects here who ought to administer right between his Lordship and the People from whom they receive their Wages or Fees in measuring the Land they purchase of his Ldship the Soyle of this province being not only granted to his Ldship's Ancestors but with Intent of setling an English Colony which we hope her most Sacred Majesty will always  
 p. 646 protect Therefore we think highly reasonable those officers should be obliged by Oath to Act impartially having a regard as well to her Majestys Subjects as his Lordships Interest  
 Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Resolved the Reasons be communicated to the House of Delegates & the following message sent

By the Council in Assembly November the 9th 1709

Gentlem. Believing your House to have many things before you of Consequence and little time to Spare this Session It drawing towards a Conclusion & we being obliged immediately to give our reasons to the right Honble the Lords of Trade & Plantations for passing the Law requiring the Lord Baltimore's Agents &c ut Supra, have assigned our Reasons & Communicate them to you for your Approbation or if you think necessary to add any further to them.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Coun.

M<sup>r</sup> Mariartee and M<sup>r</sup> Bordley bring up a Bill appointing Several Places to be lay'd out for Towns within this Province.

Which being read at the Board on due reflections of her Majesty's royal Instruction restrayning us from passing Laws (and already communicated to the House) We cannot pass this Bill but desire It may be referred to the consideration of the next Sessions

A Bill allowing the Importation of Bread, biskett and Indian Corn from the End of this Session of Assembly until the End of the next Session

p. 647 Which was read at the Board the first & second Times and passed

A Bill ascertaining what shall be allowed to Grand and petite Jurors in the Provincial and County Courts of this Province & Evidence summoned to attend in the said Courts.