

Lib. 41.

Annapolis Decemb^r the 6th 1704

Honour'd Sir,

I humbly propose to your Honour & the Assembly that in Case they shall think fit to rebuild the Court House either upon the Walls as now standing or otherwise I shall undertake the same to be finished in a very short Time for which I will give good Security in 4000^l Sterling and be willing to receive such Pay as they shall think fitt to agree on as Mony comes in & accrue to the Province all the other publick Buildings having gone through my Hands, I am ambitious for serving the Country in this & to approve myself their & your most obliged, faithful Humble servant.

W Bladen.

p. 6 Indorsed thus Viz. To the Hoⁿble Col^o Thomas Smith Speaker of the Gen^l Assembly Humbly present.

Which being here read & debated it's resolved by the House that the Gent. appointed this Day to view the Stadt House Walls meet the said M^r Bladen & treat with him about the Rebuilding the said House & report the same & his Demands to the House by all Expedition.

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.

Thursday Xber 7th 1704.

The House met again according to Adjournment.

Being called over were all present as Yesterday.

M^r Gerrard Fowlke a member for Charles County enters the House.

Was brought into the House Answer to his Excellency's Speech w^{ch} was read viz.

By the House of Delegates December 7th 1704

May it please your Excellency

We have taken your Excellency's Speech at the Opening of this Session into our Considerations and have resolved with all the Unanimity & Dispatch proper to such a Conjuncture to take all possible Care for the Preservation of the Records & restoring the Stadt House to its former Beauty & usefulness by rebuilding & making good the Breaks thereof. We shall be very sorry to be found in such a Mistake as to imagine that we can separate Interest from that of the Crown of England but hope that the constant Unanimity of our Debates & Resolutions will shew us to have no other Intention or Designs than such as may tend to her Majesty's Honour & the Good of our