Lib. 41. our Hearts but do hope that all our present and future Actions will demonstrate us to be no other than a Dutiful and thankful People for all those Blessings of Favour and Protection which her Majesty of her Grace and Goodness had bestowed upon us not forgetting that very eminent one of placing your Excy as her Majesty's Representative over us.

Signed p Order of the House of Delegates W. Taylard Clk.

The Petition of Richard Marsden and others Gentlemen of the Vestry of St Michael's Parish in Talbot County praying a Bill for Sale of Solomon Jones his Lands for the use of the said Parish psuant to the last will of the said Jones was here read & granted. And ordered a Bill be prepared impowering the said Marsden, Mr Robert Goldsborough, Mr James Lloyd, and M' Matthew Tilghman Ward, or any two of them, to make Sale thereof as prayed.

Mr Samuel Young, pursuant to an Ordinance of this House for purchasing Paper and Parchment for the publick use brought into the House Viz. three Rolls of Parchment each containing sixty Skins, two Ream of small writing Paper, two Ream of small Dutch ditto half a Ream of Medium, and half a Ream of Paper Royal which is ordered to be lodged with the Clerk of this House for publick Services only and he to be accountable for it.

Ordered That Mr George Muschamp, Mr Peter Watts, Mr John Wells, Mr Nicholas Lowe, Mr Hugh Ecclestone, Mr John Jones, Mr Thomas Frisby, Colo John Contee, Mr Robert Tyler, Mr James Philips, Mr Joseph Hill, Mr John Leach attend his Excellency at the Council Chamber with the Answer to his Excy's Speech.

They return and say they delivered their Message.

Colo John Hammond & Colo Edwd Lloyd from the Honble Council enter the House & deliver M Speaker the following Message.

By his Ex^{cy} the Governor and Council April 4th 1706.

His Excellency observing what white Servants are or have been for some years last past been imported into this her Majesty's Province are generally Irish Papists who are induced to come hither by the false, tho' specious Pretences, of the free Exercise of their Superstitious Worship, and having Lands at the Head of the Bay settled on them at the Expiration of their Times of Servitude, so that many hundreds have been lately