

porch at ye lower end for ye Town and County Offices -  
 Queere, how ye Clerkes Can go up to their Offices without going through ye  
 House where ye Assembly sits -

To have a place built upon pillars betwixt the Stat. House and  
 School, with a room above for ye Councill to sitt in to be left upon lead  
 what parts of ye Foundation of ye Stat. house are piled, and what  
 manner of Earth ye Foundation consists of, and that ye Acc<sup>t</sup> be  
 given by ye Brick Layers -

Queere - whether or no a pulpit and a Reading Deske Cannt be now  
 made for to serve in ye Stat. house at pt out and which may serve for  
 ye Church hereafter in ye Church to be built -

That in ye Chimneys that are made in ye Stat. house there be no  
 manner of wood placed about or neer ye frame if possible but that  
 they be done with all ye security imaginable -

That ye Stat. house be Shingled upon plank and not upon Laths -

John Dinton (C<sup>o</sup>. Councill.

The above proposals and ye agreement with Col. Herman for building  
 the said Court house being Read -

Put to ye Question and Resolved (Nimine Contradicente) that Major  
 John Hammond, Mr. John Pollard, Major Edward Dorsey, and Mr. Francis  
 Jenkins be a Committee appointed to sitt at Mr. Blackwells and Consider of ye  
 afo. proposals to examine what is Comement to be done therein to  
 discourse Col. Herman what he requires for doing thereof - and to  
 make their Reports to ye House by ten a Clocke to Morrow Morning -

Also Resolved ye said Committee give Notice to ye Councill when they sitt  
 the House is adj a Clocke to Morrow Morning.

Friday May ye 1<sup>th</sup> 1696.

The House being mett and Called Over, Mr. Watfon, Capt. Baughop,  
 Mr. Mason, Capt. Bayne, Col. Hanson, Mr. Lingham, Mr. Hutchins,  
 Major Dent, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Boothby, Major Maxwell, Mr. Robert  
 Smith, Maj. Ennalls, Mr. Bosman, Mr. Scarborough, and Col. Gold  
 were present -

Mr. Bosman sending word to ye House by one of ye Members thereof  
 that his wife was like to day, so that he cannot well leave her,  
 this absence is excused -

Several Members of this House alledging Mr. Robert Smith says  
 dangerous ill of ye Gripes; this absence is excused -

Mr. John Thompson and Mr. Phillip Clarke sent to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup>  
 and Councill to desire some of ye board maybe sent to this House to  
 administer ye Oathes usually taken by ye Members of this House unto Mr.  
 William Helmsly lately Chosen a Deputy for Talbot County.

Thomas Martin of Talbot County planter appearing before ye House in