

Original Journal. Voted whether the said Message shall be onely read to the Councill & soe brought back again or noe & Carried in the Affirmative.

M^r Tasker & M^r Dorsey sent upon the said message whoe Returne & say they delivered the same in Manner & fforme Ordered by the house.

p. 5 Message from the Councill by Coll Browne to desire a Conference wth the house M^r Tasker Mitchell
M^r Hanson, M^r Wheeler & M^r Ridgley sent to the Councill to Returne Answer to theire them in Charge to Acquaint their Hono^{rs} That the whole house will be ready to attend vpon the said conference to Morrow Morning at the Councill Chamber betwixt seaven & Eight of the Clock.

They returne and Say they delivered their said Message.

The Comitt^{ee} of Grievances bring in their Report and was Ord^d to be Read, which being grounded vpon the Complaint of S^r Thomas Laurence as alsoe his Comitt^{mt} the same being read first, did run in these following Words Viz^t

September the 20th 1693.

M^r Speaker & Gent of
the Assembly

Haueing bin sumōned about the later End of March last by a Warrant from his Ex^{ncie} (of Blessed Memory) to answer on the Sixth day of Aprill following to certaine high crimes, & misdemeanors, with which I am in the s^d warrant said to stand charged, and alsoe to reply to what Else should be Objected ag^t me on the Kings behalf, and in the meane time by a Strange anticipacōn of Justice (as if I had been proued guilty of the Crimes pretended to be urged ag^t me) Suspended, & Turned out from being a Member of the Councill, and a Justice in the Provinciaall Court, And also Strictly forbidden to Execute the Office of publick Notary, (given before to M^r John LLewellin by his Ex^{ncies} Comission) or for the ffuture to signe any Instrument of protest, or doe any other Act relateing to that place, And in the meane time refused a Cobby of my accusation, or names of my Accusers, denied the sight of the Councill Bookes, and a warrant to Sumōns such persons as should be necessary to my defence upon my Accusation: Notwithstanding all which discouragm^{ts} appearing the sixth day of Aprill, and attending the Councill two dayes together I was on Satterday the Eighth day of that month (Instead of seeing or heareing of any accuser or Accusation) by a Warrant ready prepared wherein noe particular Crime whatsoever was Expressed, delivered to the Sherriffe of S^t Maryes County hurried away, and by him according to the precept put into the hands of the Sherriffe of Charles County, to be