

your House in expediting them for the Service of our Queen U. H. J. & Country

And then M^r Speaker and the Delegates repaired to their House

The Petition of M^r William Glen Rector of S^t Peter's Parish in Talbot County complaining that M^r Daniel Sherwood high Sherriff of Talbott County refuses to pay him the 40^{lb} p poll arising in that Parish in the year 1708 under pretence of his not being inducted until the 18th July in that year

And the said M^r Sherwood being called in and asked why he refused so to do says he was not well satisfied the whole 40^{lb} tob^o p poll for that year was due to M^r Glen or that he was safe in paying it Whereupon it was the opinion of this Board that the whole 40^{lb} Tob^o p poll for that year is due to M^r Glen according to Law and ordered the said Sherriffe pay the same to him without further Trouble or delay

The Council adjourned until nine to Morrow Morning

Thursday October the 27th 1709

The Hon:ble Council Sate Present as yesterday

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M^r Storey and M^r Guybert present M^r Thomas Frisby one of the Delegates for Cecil County to be sworn and qualified which was done in their Presence

M^r Philemon Hemsley and five other members of the House bring up the following Answer Viz.

By the House of Delegates Octob^r 27th 1709

May it please your Honours

We have considered your Honours Speech and shall diligently apply ourselves to raising a Supply to defray the publick Charge of this present year

We shall take it well all Letters lately received be laid before us that we may know her Majesty's Pleasure and Commands. But as to the matter of Licences to Ordinary Keepers and the Tob^o paid for them we have traced the Original & Progress thereof and neither find it a certain Duty to be always continued on such useful Subjects nor necessarily affixed to the Secretary's Office but only sometimes by Accident permitted to such Gentlemen who were Secretaries and further we conceive it a thing so contrary to right & reason and the Equality and Indifference of Justice and so nauseous & so odious to Subjects to have a tax imposed on one sort of Subjects to be applied to the enriching of one only Subject who not so much as sets pen to paper for it nor has more than a bare Colour of