

Upon reading of which paper it was thought fit to send to the Lower House the annexed Paper as followeth

So the Burgeses met in this present General Assembly
Upon receipt of a paper directed to the Governour & Council from the Burgeses in this present General Assembly & delivered to the Governour in Assembly sitting It is first moved

Whether or no they intended that Paper to be sent to the Governour & Council as such, or whether to him & those of the Council then present as sitting by virtue of the special Writts they received for this present General Assembly?

As to those words viz. This Assembly of Burgeses judging themselves to Will & be a lawful Assembly whether they do judge themselves to be a lawful com: forthwith pleat Assembly without the Governour & those other members summoned to to serve it by special Writt in the Upper House?

As to those words viz. Independant on any other Power in the Province now in Being whether they do judge they are wholly independent on the Warre Power of the Lord Proprietary Yea, or Not?

Signed by Order of the Upper House, Philip Calvert

Upon the Delivery of which Paper the Burgeses desired a Conference with this Upper House by Mr. Robert Sizer & Mr. Tho. Hinson which was con: have descended unto.

Whereupon they came to a Conference from the Lower House and then - Eighth The House Adjourned itself to nine of the Clock to Morrow Morning

Tuesday March the 13th 1659

Present as yesterday

The Opinion of the Governour & to the Paper presented yesterday from Lower House is as followeth

The Speaker & House met in the Upper House at a Conference upon debate It was declared (as to the Queries) by the Governour It is his judgment that the Lord Proprietary by himself or his Deputy ought to be present & have a Casting Voice, and that as Governour he had not any power by to confirm Laws made by the Burgeses for any longer time than until his Lordship or his Heirs should declare their dissent, But he did believe

the Intent of the King in his Lordship's Patent was that the Freemen by the Writt Assembled either by themselves or their Deputys should make & Enact those Laws so made were to be published in his Lordship's name & to be in full force. Provided they be agreeable to Reason & in no case together ignant to the Laws of England.