

An Assembly called by Proclamation Bearing Date the Tenth Day of July Anno Domini 1682 To Begin and be holden at the City of St. Maries the Twelfth Day of October then next following, and from thence by Proclamation Bearing Date the Ninth Day of September in the said Year Prorogued untill the four and Twentieth Day of the aforesaid October, and from thence by Proclamation bearing Date the said four and Twentieth Day of October further Prorogued untill the Six and Twentieth Day of the same Month, At which said Six and Twentieth Day of October in the Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles 2^d. Anno 23^d Dom. 1682 the said Assembly mett and sat at the said City of St. Maries where appeared in the Upper house (Viz^t)

The Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary

The honble { Philip Calvert Esq. shand^g Coll: Henry Darnall
Coll: Thomas Sailer - Coll: William Stevens
Coll: Henry Coursey - Coll: William Digges
Coll: Vincent Love - Major Nicholas Sewall

And Coll: William Burges also Enters the house according to his Writt and takes his Place - John Lewellin (Clerk)

The Delegates Members of the Lower house being called and Admitted into this House his Lordship Declares to them in Manner following Viz^t Gentlemen

The Murders and Severall Outrages perpetrated by the Northern Indians for these two years past made me think it Absolutely Necessary to have more frequent Meetings of Assemblies than formerly, being resolved upon such Emergencies to have the Advice as well as Assistance of the Great Council of this Province, In this Particular, (I hope) I've already given some Testimonies

Now lest my Resolutions herein might Draw too great an Evil on the Freemen in another kind, I thought it likewise as Necessary to lessen considerably the Charges and Expences of Assemblies for the future, by sending for two Delegates only out of each County; This being Pursuant to the late Establishment for the way and Manner of holding Assemblies whensoever the last should be Dissolved

As in this I have proceeded according to the Undoubted Rights, Privileges, and Powers, of my Charter, and therein have Observed and followed the same way and Method of holding Assemblies, as in all other his Majesties Dominions, so I very confidently assure myself that I shall not be thought by any Member here present to have other Designs in this than the Publick Good and Welfare of the Freemen of Maryland, whose ease and Benefit I am to seek and endeavour all I can -

I having therefore Gentlemen given you this Assurance; I must now let you understand the causes of this Days Meeting, which in short is this -

It was thought Necessary by the Assembly in May last to send some Agents to New York Government there to settle and confirm a former Peace -