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was found in their words following

The Lords of the Governour and Councill touching  
the difficulty and straits made by the lower house  
in the words of the writt for Election of Burgesses is  
this

That the writt was directed to the Sherriffe to  
make proclamation for the Election of Burgesses is  
that when the Freedom had writt was in their  
power to elect Burgesses any persons qualified for  
the Employment that was not disabled by freind  
then already furnished that the number of persons  
to be elected was in the expressed words left to the  
Sherriffe, but only soe as he did represent the body  
Aggregated of the County and the only person to  
whom the law directed the Writte for Summoning  
Assemblyes And that upon the whole matter it was  
in the Sherriffes power to restrain only persons  
disabled by law to elect or be elected and the deter-  
mination of the number and of the persons to be  
elected in the Freedom of the County and this was  
thought fitt to be soe

Signed by the orders of the Governour and Councill  
John Gittings Esq.

Ordered that Mr. Bateman and Mr. Roge doe of  
the lower house write the two petitiones yesterday  
referred to the lower house their friends also  
together with three sepparates of the Assembly  
yet in forme with the Answer of the Governour and  
Councill touching the writte of Election of Burgesses

The upper house Adjourned till three of the  
Clock in the Afternoon

The house againe and it went as before

Upon Receipt of a message sent by the lower house  
to the Governour in their words

The Burgesses number desired that an Act be passed