

2. As to those words (vizt) This Assembly of Burgesses iudging themselues to be a lawfull Assembly; whither they doe Judge themselues to be a lawfull Compleate Assembly without the Governor and those other Members summoned to sitt by speciall writt in the Vpper howse

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3. As to those words (vizt) independent on any other power in the Province now in being, whither they doe iudge they are wholly independent on the power of the Lord Proprietary yea or not

Signed by order of the vpper howse
Philip Calvert

Vpon the delivery of w^{ch} paper, the Burgesses desired a Conference with this Vpper howse by M^r Robert Slye and M^r Thomas Hinson which was Condiscended vnto.

Wherevpon they came to a Conference from the Lower howse, and then

The howse adiourned it selfe to nyne of the Clock to morrow morneing

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Present as yesterday. The Opinion of the Governor &c. To the paper presented yesterday from the lower howse is as followeth

The Speaker and howse mett in the Vpper howse at a conference. And vpon debate it was declared (as to the queres) by the Governor, It is his Judgment that the Lord Proprietary by himselfe or his Deputy ought to be present and have a Casting voice, and that as Governor he had not any power to Confirme lawes made by the Burgesses for any longer tyme then vntill his lo^p or his heires should declare their disassent. But he did believe the intent of the King in his lo^{ps} Pattent was that the ffreemen by writt assembled either by themselues or their deputies should make and Enact lawes, and those lawes soe made were to be published in his lo^{ps} name, and then to be in full force. Provided they be agreeable to reason, and in noe case repugnant to the Lawes of England

The Secretary did and doth declare, that it is not in the power of the Burgesses by themse[lves] without the assent of the Lord Proprietary or [the] Governor lawfully therevnto authorized by his [said] Lo^p to enact any lawes within this Province

Thomas Gerrard his Opinion being demanded, as a privat man sumoned by w[ritt] not one of his lo^{ps} councell, but as formerly hath bene as Lord of a Mannor doth give his opinion with the Governor. But further saith that his Opinion is that if any Lawes be enacted by this Assembly or any other be