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from the Upper the Upper house, this house do say they have Matters of weighty Considerations at present before them so that they have nothing as yet ready to Communicate to the Upper house—

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Signed p^r Order of this house
Robert Ridgley Cl of the Lower house
of Assembly—

Joseph Norwood Appointed Door keeper to this house
This house upon Receipt of the late Message Adjourn till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock—

August 19th 1681 Upper house mett.

Where appeared the R^t Honble the Lord Proprietary & other the Members as Yesterday

His Lordship produces an Address to him made from the Lower house yester-Day which was read and Entered in the Journal of this house Viz^t

To the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary

The Humble Address of the Representatives of this Province of Maryland

Whereas upon the calling over the house on the 16th Day of August it did appear that thirteen of the Representatives were wanting and upon calling over the house again this Day Viz^t the 17th Instant it did appear that Twelve of the Said thirteen Representatives were still wanting Eight whereof are Dead, One called up to Your Lordships Council, two Incapacitated by reason they are Sheriffs of Divers Counties and one Departed this Province Whereby the said house wanting a Considerable Number of their Body do humbly Conceive themselves greatly Incapacitated to Act and do Proportionable to the great Trust reposed in them and Sufficiently to Consult the Grand and Weighty Affairs of the Province—

Upon a Due and Mature Debate thereof in the said house it was resolved (Nemine Contradicente) that the Speaker of the house (Sitting the house) ought to issue out Warrants to Supply the Places of those Vacant Members aforesaid according to Diverse and Manifold Presidents of the Lower house of Parliament in England then and there produced and Examined the Usages and Customs whereof this House do humbly Conceive the only and Sure Rule for this house to Act by in this and all other their Proceedings—

And whereas by the said Customs and Presidents of the Lower house of Parliament aforesaid the said Warrants from