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he had read their Address p^r two Members of their house, the Contents being very Surprizing gave his Lordship Occasion to ask the Bearers whether they had Commission to Speak thereunto to which they said yes; his Lordship Designing to ask them what the Lower house intended to doe in the Mean time, it requiring Some Considerable time to Make New Elections, they replied that that would be no Impediment for that they intended to go on in their Business, his Lordship did then ask them whether they did conceive the Speaker and Members now Assembled were a House Sufficient to proceed in Business to which they said they were which Seemed to Contradict the Tenor of their Message

The Chancellor in writing gives them the heads of their Message

The Speaker declares that their intent was to have waited this Morning on his Lordship for his Gracious Answer to their Address and therefore Desired the Excuse of his Lordship and this house for their Weakness in Answering not foreknowing what his Lordship and this house would Say thereunto—

He says that by his Lordships Writt for the Conveening this Assembly 1676 four Delegates were Elected but two only Summoned by his Lordships Writt which gave Such General Dissatisfaction that the People by their Representatives then Obtained his Lordships New Writts for the calling all the Delegates—

The Summ of all is the Lower House request is that this Assembly which Commenced with four Delegates in a County may Still have their Complement during this Assembly, The are desired to withdraw for Some time

Put to the Vote (whether the last Act for Electing Burgesses &c. that part for Electing four in a County being Disassented by his Lordships Proclamation upon this Convention) Now Sending out Writts to fill up the Vacancies of the Lower house may not be Binding as an Act for the future to Summon four Delegates for each County in Succeeding Assemblies

The Secretary is desired to go to the Lower house to desire them again to come into this house his Lordship was ready to receive them.

He returns & they will Send Answer by a Member of their own.

The Speaker and Members of the Lower house Enter; his Lordship does declare to them that by his Proclamation by which they are now called, the Law for four Delegates is Sufficiently Disassented to, and that otherwise he would Gratifie their request in issuing out Writts for filling up the Vacancies; he desires to know whether they cannot Safely proceed as they are to their Business—