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Lower house of Assembly 11th October 1683

This house desires if the Bill for Elections be rejected in the Upper house as by the last Message by Major Trueman M^r John Darnall and Coll Burges seemes to be that the Upper house will return the said Bill to this house

Signed p. Order C Boteler Cl of the Lower house—

This house being given to understand that Edward English was now since the sitting of this Assembly taken here in Execution at the Suite of John Rousby concerning Joseph Spernon for litting the said Spernon Escape or go at Large after he had taken him in Execution at the said Rousby's suit the said English being Sheriff of Cecil County and finding the said English a prisoner in the Custody of the Sheriff of this County of Ann Arundell; It is Ordered that the said Edward English and the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County forthwith appear before this house

Then Came the said Edward English and the Under Sheriff of Ann Arundell County, His Lordship the Lord Proprietary being then present in this house Declared that he had Comanded the said English hither upon Publick Business It was therefore Ordered by this house That the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County Suffer the said English to be at Liberty untill the End of this Sessions of Assembly The said Execution being at this time unduely Served—

Then was read again the Petition of Joseph Spernon and thereupon Major Trueman sent to the Lower house with this Message.

Upper house 11th of October 1683

This house hath presented to them a Petition of Joseph Spernon wherein M^r John Rousby a Member of the Lower house is Concerned; This house desire to know if the Lower house will give Leave to the said M^r Rousby to appear in this house this afternoon and be present at the Examination of the whole matter, The said Spernon having not been Viva Voce heard in this house

Signed p. Order Tho^s Grunwin Cl of the Lower house

He returns

Then Appeared the said M^r Rousby and Spernon, and the Petition and the Matter Contained therein discoursed and they Ordered to withdraw—

M^r Rousby and Joseph Spernon came again into this house and the Matter Between them Debated and Depositions read and the further Debate referred till M^r Rousby have further leave from the Lower house—