

enacting & establishing good and wholesome lawes for the well Ruleing & Government thereof & allsoe upon any necessary & imergent occasions to Raise & leavy money for the defraying the Charges of the said Government & defence thereof neither of which according to the Constitutions of this Prouince can be made ordeined established Leavyed or rayseed but by & with the Consent of the freemen of this Prouince<sup>p. 141</sup> by their severall delegates and representtatives by them freely nominated chosen & Elected to serve for their severall Cittyes & Countyes in a Generall Assembly and for as much as the Safest & best rule for this Prouince to follow in Electing such Delegates & representatives is the presidents of the Proceedings in Parliament in England as neere as the Constitution of this Prouince will admitt the Delegates of this present Generall Assembly doe humbly pray That itt may be Enacted and Bee itt Enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and Consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That for the future when & as often as his Lordshipp the Lord Proprietary his heyres and successors his or their Leivtenant & Chiefe Governour for the time being shall vpon any accident & vrgent affaire of this Prouince think itt fitt & Convenient to Call & convene an Assembly and to send out writts for the Eleccōn of Burgesses & Delegates to serve in such Assembly the forme of the said writt shall be as followeth C: Absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore To the sherriffe of A: Greeting these are to Authorise and Require you imediately vpon Receipt hereof to Call together four or more of the Commissioners of Your County with the Clerke who are hereby required to sitt as a Court and dureing their sitting by vertue of your office to make or Cause to be made Publick Proclamacōn thereby giveing notice to all the freemen of your said County who have within your said County a freehold of fifty Acres of Land or a visible personall Estate of forty pounds starling att least Requireing them to appeare att the next County Court to be houlden for your County att a Certaine day within a Reasonable time after such Proclamacōn made for the electing & Chuseing of Deputyes and delegates to serve for your County in a Generall Assembly to be holden att the City of St Maryes the            day of            at which time of Proclamacōn aforesaid the said freemen soe Required to appeare or the Major part of such of them as shall then appeare shall and may and are hereby Authorized and Required to Elect and Chuse four severall & Sufficient freemen of your County each of them haveing a freehold of fifty Acres of land or a visible personall estate of forty pounds starling att least

Liber W. H.  
& L.