

The said M^r Clement Hill returns and says that meeting the Speaker near the Door he askt M^r Hill if he was Come to the Lower house with a Message from the Upper house who told him he was, Whereupon the Speaker desired his Excuse that they were not in a Capacity to receive any Message being resolved into a Grand Committee. Lib. W. H.

Captain Joseph Pile and M^r John Stone from the Lower house and says the Lower house are now ready to receive any Message from this house. p. 557

Clement Hill Esq^r with the aforesaid Message goes again and returns having Delivered the Same.

Captain Richard Hill Coll Jowles, M^r Robotham, M^r Brooke, M^r Lingan & M^r Pile with this Message from the Lower house.

Lower house of Assembly 17 November 1688.

This house as is their Bounden duty have Attended his Lordships Commands in both Upper and Lower houses of Assembly and do declare that it is their Duty to Express their fidelity to his Lordship and do not know of any one Individuall Member of this house that directly or indirectly refuses so to doe or that hath in any wise Either within this house or out of the Same used any Speech to the Contrary for should this house be made Sensible of any Such or other Misbehaviour by any Member thereof this house by Virtue of the Power and Authority in them Inherent would proceed against every such Person and Severely punish the Same, But having no knowledge Neither of that nor any other unreverent or undutifull Depourtment in any of their said Members whereby to give any Offence Cannot but highly resent Divers words and Expressions Contained in a Speech made to them by the honourable the President in his Lordships Upper house of Assembly and are very sorry that such unusuall and such unjust proceedings should be Imposed upon them which this house thinks is prejudiciall to the power Authority Validity and priviledges of the Same. Therefore—

1st Resolved that this house to their great grief and trouble have met not only with Unexpected but unreasonable and unjust Disturbances, But as by the Journall of this house, this house is in no wise guilty of the Same.

2^d Resolved that there is a great Difference between the Oath of fidelity and Allegiance Either of which or both we have and are always willing to take according to Law.

3^d That what Oath is or has been proposed to the house of Commons in Parliam^t in the Kingdom of England was never proposed and Consequently never refused by the Lower house of Assembly in Maryland.