

P. R. O. as they have already done M^r Richard Smith, M^r Tavey, and M^r Butler now in hold: This House for the generall satisfaction of all the good people of this Province, more especially the Inhabitants of the said two Counties therein more particularly and neerely concerned) have thought fit to signifie and make knowne, And be it hereby knowne to all persons that the said reports are altogether fabulous and fictitious, false and untrue, raised and contrived only by some malicious, evill and ill affected persons as aforesaid, on purpose to divert, obstruct & prevent if possible the unanimous and joint concurrent proceedings of this House in their honest & just endeavours to settle and establish the Government of this Province in peace and quietness, according to the true intent and meaning of this House; for which end and to no other intent and purpose this House doe declare they are now assembled and mett together. They doe alsoe further say, & give assurance hereby, that they have not, neither know of any charge against any particular person whatsoever in either of the said Counties publickly resident or inhabiting, neither have they any designe or intent to trouble, molest or prejudice them in their persons or estates, but that the said Smith, Tavey and Butler now in custody are the only delinquents they know of against whom they have anything at present to say or charge, and that the rest of your Neighbours or Inhabitants as aforesaid are (soe farr forth as is knowne or made appeare) free and clear of any imputation of that nature, and therefore upon the Faith of this House have free liberty & safe conduct upon all occasions, to make their applications to this House, or any Member thereof, or otherwise to travell & pass to and fro about their lawfull occasions without lett, hindrance or molestation.

And to the end that the sense of this House may the better be published and made knowne for the satisfaction of all their Majesties loving Subjects in both said Countys, This House have made choice of you M^r Rich^d Johnes as a person of good credit & repute, & therefore most fit to communicate & make publick the same, which you are hereby desired to doe, in such manner & forme as to you shall seeme meete & convenient, alsoe to inform yourselve the best you cann, & signifie to this House soe soone as possible, the reason why the Election in Anne Arrundell County hath been obstructed, the Members whereof are the only persons now wanting to fill up this House.

(Endorsed)

28. August 1689.

The Assembly's letter to Richard Johns.

Rec^d from the Lord Baltemore the
31st December 1689.