

house the precept by which he detaines M^r Philip Clarke one of the members of this house of Assembly from his attendance. L. H. J.

M^r Beard informs them that he lies under Execution for the sume of six thousand pounds of Tobacco at his Maty^{ty}s suite, but for as much as the precept is in the hands of the under Sherrife, that he cannot at present produce the Same, he humbly prays time till to Morrow morning to send for it.

Resolved thereupon that M^r Beard have time untill to Morrow morning to produce the same.

Resolved that there be a comittee appointed to draw up an address to his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r on the behalfe of M^r Philip Clarke.

M^r Mich^l Miller, M^r Edw^d Lloyd, Major Thomas Smithson, M^r Elisha Hall, M^r Simon Willmore and M^r Iohn Hall are appointed and sent out a comittee to draw up the said address.

The house adjournes till to Morrow Morning seven of the clock.

Dies Martis Octo^r 25th 1698.

The house mett againe and were called over, the Members wanting Yesterday were still wanting Except M^r Miller.

The house adjournes till to Morrow Morning Eight of Clock.

Dies Mercurij Octo^r the 26. 1698.

The house mett againe, and were called over, and were then absent Cap^t Thomas Waughop, M^r W^m Taylard, M^r Philip Clarke, Major Iohn Lowe M^r Thomas Beale, Cap^t Richard Hill, M^r George Ashman, M^r W^m Hemsley, M^r Ffrancis Ienkins, M^r Iohn Bosman, M^r Walter Lane, and M^r Sam^l Collins.

Resolved that Cap^t Richard Hill for his not appearing loose this dayes allowance, according to the rules of this house. p. 227

M^{em} That M^r Rich^d Beard high Sherriffe of Ann Arundell County hath not yett appeared and produced his precept whereby he detaines M^r Philip Clarke one of the members of this house according to the order of this house.

By the house of Delegates Octob^o the 26th 1698.

M^r Sam^l Chew appearing before this house Informs them that Cap^t Thom^s Ely when he entered his negroes Reported for but three hundred ninety and six negroes and finding afterwards that he had more on board of which he made no Entry the whole being Four hundred Twenty three negroes