

We have not as yet received the returns of the City of St^t Original
Mary's and Somerset County Journal.

John Hammond, Chairmann.

The Indentures of the returne of the Election of the delegates of Baltimore county falling under the consideration of this house the same appear to be somewhat insufficient yet severall persons who subscribed the Indentures and were present at the said Election being now in Town and ready to Testify upon their oaths to the legallity thereof

Resolved by the house that the hon^{ble} the Councill be desired to examine them and to certifie the depositions therein to this house.

Whereupon the following Message is sent to his Hon. by the Gen^t appearing here for Baltimore County.

By the house of Delegates March 11th 1697/8

For as much as a Dispute hath arisen in the house concern- p. 161
ing the dueness of the Election of the gentlemen appearing as delegates for Baltimore County we desire his hon^{ble} the Chancillor will upon oath examine Thomas Brown, Thomas Roberts, Francis Robinson, Micholas Fitzsimons, Subscribers to the Indentures and what other psons th^t can give their Testimony therein in relation to that election and certify the same to this house.

Signed p order. W. Bladen Cl: house of Del:

In answer thereto the aforesaid Gen^t of Baltimore County bring the following Message

By the Gov^r and Councill in Assembly March 11th 1697/8

In answer to the houses request about Baltimore County delegates the following persons were examined and sworne before the hon^{ble} Henry Iowles Chancell^r in Councill concerning the election of the said Delegates Viz^t Thomas Brown, Thomas Roberts Francis Robinson, Nicholas Fitzsimons, Samuel Brown, and Edward Hansley who upon their oaths do severally say that M^r Robert Ashman, M^r Thomas Staly, M^r Iohn Fferry and M^r John Hall, by Indenture returned to serve as Delegates for Baltimore County this present Assembly were freely and Duly elected by the freeholders of the said County without any opposition

Signed p order Hen Denton Clk: Councill.