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Saturday March 12th 1697/8. House mett.

Read over what was done yesterday. M^r William Taylor, added to the Committee of Agrievances. Leave given to Major Walter Smith to go and adjourn Calvert County Court and returne with all expedition.

Ordered that the Serj^t att arms bring Thomas Gray the person that arrested M^r Millers Serv^t before this house.

The said Thomas Gray being brought before the house saith, that which he arrested Sam^l Manthop the said Manthop never told him that he belonged to any of the members of this house, but that so soon as he knew it he did not restraine him of his Liberty, and begging pardon of the house for his Ignorance is excused and dismissed.

The house resolved themselves in to a grand Committee of the whole house and choose M^r Philip Clarke chairman thereof.

The Committee being adjourned to the house and M^r Speaker haveing taken the chaire.

M^r Clarke reportes that the comittee do conceive it most for the hon^r of the Governm^t that when his Ex^{cy} please to confer with the house, that they should wait upon him att the Councill Chamber And that the house send a message to his Ex^{cy} that he would be pleased to forbear that practice.

House adjourned till 12 of the Clock.

Post meridiem. House mett.

p. 164 M^r Thomas Hicks and the other delegates for Dorchester County, alledging that Major Thomas Ennalls who is Elected one of the representatives for that County upon his Iourney thither was taken very ill and rendered unable to come hither, he is thereupon excused.

Resolved the following Message be sent to the Governour.

By the house of Delegates March 12th 1697/8.

May it please yo^r Ex^{cy}

It having fallen under the consideration of this house whether it were convenient and consonant to the rules and Methods of Parliament and assemblys that your Ex^{cy} should be present here whilst the house is sitting. We have Resolved that the same as it hath not heretofore been usuall so it ought not now to be practicable. Therefore humbly desire that when your Ex^{cy} pleases to confer with this house you will order us to attend you att the Councill Chamber it being more for the Grandeur and honour of the Kings Government, that we should there attend your Ex^{cy} then that you should give yourself the trouble to come downe to us.

We are with all dutifull respect. Your Ex^{cy} Most humble
Serv^{ts} Signed p Ord^r W Bladen Ctk: house of Del.