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An Answer to the Messages ordered this day to be prepared is now read as followeth.

By the house of Delegates May 16th 1701.

This house having taken into consideration the three Messages Yesterday by Thomas Tench and John Addison Esq^{rs} one relateing to an Agent to be appointed in England to Solicite &c. which was in this house read and debated.

It is resolved by the house that the further consideration thereof be referred to the next Sessions of Assembly.

2^{dly} Wherein his Ex^{cy} Desires this house will considerably concert whether the Rangers shall be continued or totally disbanded, And thereupon carryed by Majority of voices that the rangers be wholly Disbanded.

And likewise Resolved that there be noe more Committee in the Vacancy of Assembly.

As to the other message of the same day relateing to an additionall Duty of 3^d p^h &c: It is Resolved that a bill be prepared for advancem^t of an additionall duty towards paym^t of the publick charge of the province.

Sent up to his Ex^{cy} and Councill by M^r Rob^t Bradley and M^r Thomas Hammond. They returne and say they have Delivered the same.

The Committee of Elections and priviledges enters the house and reports as follows.

That they having Inspected into the Eleccōns of the severall Countys and City of S^t Maryes, viz

The City of S^t Maryes afs^d the County of Charles, the County of Baltimore, the County of Talbott, the County of Somerset, the County of Dorchester, the County of Prince Georges, the County of Cecill, the County of Kent the County of Ann Arundell and the County of Calvert, doe finde eleccōns for the City and the severall Counties afs^d to be due Elections and the p^{rs}ons to be fitt to sitt in the house of Assembly excepting M^r John Lecompt of Dorchester County who hath been already offerred to the consideracōn of the house.

After some debate in the house Concerning the matter referred to their Consideracōn it was resolved that M^r Jn^o Lecompt was duly returned as a Burgess for Dorchester County.

Upon reading the peticon of Maj^r W^m Barton for allowance of imprisonment fees of an Indian. It is Resolved that Prince Georges County make Satisfaction of the Sheriffs fees to the