

but that you will readily fall into such Measures as in your L. H. J. Wisdom shall seem meet, most effectually to discourage & prevent such base and dangerous practices for the future.

Signed p order John Beard Cl: Up: Ho:

Which was read and referred for further consideration till to morrow.

Col^o Ward from the upper house delivers M^r Speaker the petition of Samuel Lyle a poor prisoner in Calvert County praying to be released from the Custody of the Sherriff of Calvert County Thus Endorst viz:

By the Upper house of Assembly May 19th 1719.

On reading the within Petition it is referred to the con- p. 30 sideration of the Lower House.

Signed p Order. John Beard Cl: up: ho:

Which was read and leave given to bring in a bill as prayed and ordered the Committee of laws prepare the bill.

Ordered that the Serjant Attendant to this House take into his custody M^r George Forbes for not Attending the Committee of Elections According to the Order of that Committee and bring him before the house.

M^r fforbes according to the order of the House appears & on his Submission is Discharged paying to the Serjeant and Door keeper their fees.

The answer to his Excellencys Speech being prepared by the Committee of laws was read and Approved and Ordered to be entred as follows viz:

By the Lower House of Assembly May the 19th 1719.

May it please your Excellency

The many important occasions your Excellency was pleased to Communicate by Your Speech at the beginning of this Sessions Sufficiently Evince the Necessity of convening us at this time, althô inconvenient to our private Affairs, but as we shall always preferr the publick good to any private interest of our own, we shall endeavour with Such unanimity and dilligence to Apply and exert our Selves to the Dispatch of the business now before us as may render our Services equally acceptable to your Excellency and our Country p. 31

Wee are thankfull for their Lordships the Lords Guilford and Baltemores Approbation of our late proceedings in As-asserting the authority of his Courts and Persons of his Ministers, and we shall most Sincerely endeavour to merit the like