

L. H. J. mined to Act by it, in the Course of Your Administration, that we may the better know how to Close our address to his Lordship on that Subject.

Sign'd p Order of the Lower House R. Ungle, Speak^r

Which was Sent to his Honour the Gov^r by M^r Crabb and five others. They Return and Say they delivered it.

An Engrost Bill for making Valid Probats &c: before Magistrates in Annapolis, was Read and Assented to, and was so Endorst.

A Bill for the Naturalization of Michael Ury a Greek, and the Bill for Removing Calvert County Court House were Severally Read the first and second times by Especiall order and past, which were so Endorst and sent by M^r Smith, and Vachel Denton Esq^r to the Upper House. They Return and say they Delivered them.

The Petition of John Bagby is Referred till next Sessions.

John Rousby Esq^r from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker the following Message viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly

Octo^r the 28th 1725

Gentlemen.

You were not Mistaken when you understood that we were farr from desiring to Enter into Unnecessary Debates with your House, for so we Realy were, and are, but we are not (to avoid Debates) obliged to Submitt our Judgment to your Demands as often as you are pleas'd to Require things of us, which we do not think Reasonable to Comply with, and Your Persisting in those Debates Rather lays the Imputation of promoting them at Your Doors than ours. We once more observe to you, that we do not find any Certain Rules has been ever made in the Case now Debated but That the practice has been various and since the Latest, tho of no Longer a Continuance then ten or Eleven Years for the Reasons given in our former Messages is in our opinion the best, we Cannot Consent to depart from it. If you please to Consult the former Journalls of Both Houses of Assembly, you will find many Alterations in the practice of both Houses, in things of much greater Consequence, than this at present in Debate, and that without any Express Resolution Concerning them, and if we should without any other reason than that such practices formerly prevailed Insist upon a Renovation of them, Notwithstanding the present practices were more Convenient, we should spend a great deal of our own time, and