

L. H. J. Who being a Sufficient number to make an House
 P. 2 Ordered that Col^o Mackall and Col^o Greenfield go to the
 Upper House and acquaint his Hon^r the Govern^r thereof.
 They return and Say they delivered their Message

John Hall Esq^r from the Upper House acquaints M^r
 Speaker that his Hon^r the Gov^r requires him and the whole
 House to attend him imediately in the upper House &
 withdrew

Thereupon M^r Speaker with the rest of the Members go
 to the Upper House where his Hon^r the Governour was
 pleas'd to make the following Speech viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly

Severall Petitions having been delivered to me from the In-
 habitants of diverse parts of this Province, complaining of the
 low State Tobacco is reduced to; and humbly desiring that
 the Assembly might be convened in order to fall on some
 Method to relieve ourselves in these Melancholly Circum-
 stances; I (having nothing more at heart than the good of the
 Province) have thought fit, wth the Advice of his L^{pps} Council
 to Convene you, that you may have an Opportunity to make
 the Staple a reall Benefit to us; In Order to which it will be
 proper to Consider, to what Causes the present low Price of
 Tobacco is owing; Which I take to be chiefly these, the sending
 home Trash Tobacco, and the uncertainty of shipping our
 Crops; to prevent the first, it would undoubtedly be the interest
 of the Country, to destroy the Trash here, for no body but a
 madman would Ship bad Tobacco to bring himself in Debt;
 this would in a great Measure lessen the Quantity especially
 if tending of seconds was prohibited, and if the good Tobacco
 was shipt at a Time certain, the Merchants might regulate
 the Market at home very much to our Advantage. This
 Gentlemen is what occurs to me and I leave it to your Serious
 Consideration

Cha Calvert

Afterwards M^r Speaker wth the rest of the members returns
 to the Lower House where M^r Speaker resumes the Chair and
 reports what his Hon^r the Gov^r had before sayd.

The Rules of the House are read, agreed to & Set up.

Ordered that M^r Speaker issue his Warr^t to the Secretary
 for the Electing a new member to serve for Prince George's
 County in the room of James Stoddert Esq^r deced.

Resolved that this House will sit to do Business from
 Eight of the Clock in the forenoon till Eleven and from one