A Petition of Thomas Franklin, of Baltimore County, Gentleman, L. H. J. preferred to this House, complaining, That the Sheriff of said June 1 County had, contrary to Law, returned Mr. Walter Tolley a Delegate to serve in this Assembly, in the Room and Place of him the said p. 140 Petitioner; and praying that the Sheriff of the said County be ordered to attend this House, with the Polls taken for the Petitioner and the several Candidates, at the said Election; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

p. 141

Col. Sprigg, from the Committee of Elections and Privileges, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report; viz.

By the Committee of Elections and Privileges, June 1, 1751.

Your Committee having inspected the Writs directed to the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County and Baltimore County, for electing Deputies and Delegates to serve in this General Assembly:

Do find, That Mr. John Tillotson, Member of Queen Anne's County, is duly returned:

That Mr. John Matthews and Walter Tolley, Members of Baltimore County, are duly returned.

Your Committee beg Leave to represent to your Honourable House, That Mr. Walter Tolley acted as an Inspector until the first Day of December, in the Year of our Lord 1749.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

> Signed per Order, Thomas Harwood, junior, Clerk of the Committee.

On reading the said Report, the House concurs therewith; and Resolved, That the Election of the said Mr. Walter Tolley is void, inasmuch as it appears that he hath acted as an Inspector, within two Years next before the said Election.

On reading the Petition of Mr. Thomas Franklin; Ordered, That Thomas Sheredine, Esq; Sheriff of Baltimore County, do attend this House on Monday the third Day of June Instant; and that he bring with him the Poll taken for the said Thomas Franklin, and the several Polls taken by him the said Sheriff, for the several Candidates at the last Election had for the said County.

The Bill entituled, An Act to annex certain Extra-parochial Lands, &c. was read the second Time, and passed.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message; viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

In your Address relating to the Papers laid before you from the

Governors of New York and Pennsylvania, you observe, That those two Governments are greatly concerned in Trade with the several Nations of Indians in Alliance with the English, whereas we neither