Province, his Writ of Election, which Third Day of October, in the L. H. J. said Return mentioned, is Twelve Months after the Day on which the Writ of Election is returnable; which your Committee conceive was occasioned by a Mistake of the Sheriff.

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

Signed per Order, Basil Dorsey, junr. Clerk of said Committee.

Which was Read, and the House concurs therewith.

On Motion, Ordered, That the said Report be again Read, also the Writ of Election for Frederick County, and the Indentures thereto affixed, which was Read accordingly.

It appearing to this House on Reading the Indentures, signed between the Sheriff and the Electors of Frederick County, at the late Election held for the said County, that they were dated the Third Day of October Instant, whereas they ought to have been dated the 27th Day of September last:

Thereupon Ordered, That the Sheriff of Frederick County do attend at the Bar of this House, and there Erase out of the said Indentures, the Words and Figure 3d Day of October, and insert therein, instead thereof, these Words, and Figures, viz. 27th Day of September, which the said Sheriff accordingly did.

Upon further considering the Report from the Committee of Elections and Privileges, Resolved, That the Writs for Electing Deputies and Delegates to serve in Assembly, for the several Counties within this Province, ought to be made out strictly agreeable (Mutatis Mutandis) to the Form prescribed by the Act directing the Manner of electing and summoning Delegates, &c.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, That the Variance between the Form prescribed by the said Act and the Writs of Election for Charles and Cæcil Counties, mentioned in the said Report, has proceeded from the Negligence of the Clerk, who made out the same.

Resolved, That the said Variance ought not to Invalidate the Election and Return of Deputies and Delegates for the said Counties of Charles and Cæcil.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

## Saturday, 28 October, 1758.

Oct. 28

The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were p. 17 called, and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings were Read.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.