

Assembly at the last Sessions. As we presume the Petition referred to is one that was signed by the Inhabitants of this County and presented to the Upper House against a Petition and Bill there depending for the dividing the general Election: We take the Liberty of requesting you to assure the Honourable House that no Reflection or Indignity whatever was intended, on the Conduct of the House by that Petition: That whatever exceptionable Expressions are contained therein were rather the Effect of Inadvertency and Hurry, than of any premeditated Design, to insult the House, whose Conduct and Readiness to enact such Laws, for the Improvement and Advantage of Baltimore Town as were applied for merited the Thanks of every Inhabitant of the same. We flatter ourselves, the House will accept this Apology, for our Conduct, and excuse our Personal Attendance which we omit, not from Disrespect, to the Process of the House, but from the inconveniency of such Numbers as signed that Petition being absent from their respective Homes—

L. H. J.
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We are, with Respect for the Honble House.

Sir, Your Most Obed.^t Servants

Baltimore Town 18th Octo:^r 1770.
To the Honble Edward Tilghman, Esq.
Speaker of the Lo. Ho. Annapolis.

Rob.^t Alexander
W.^m Spear
Jacob Myers
John Hart
C. Weisenthal
Tho.^s Jones

On reading a second Time the said Letter, Resolved, That this House, on Order to attach the Body, will receive no Apology by Letter, and that the Subscribers of the above Letter are guilty of a Contempt of the Order of this House in not appearing

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this House do forthwith take into his Custody the Bodies of Robert Alexander, William Spear, Jacob Myers, John Hart, Charles Weisenthal, and Thomas Jones, and have them immediately at the Bar of this House, to answer at the Bar of this House for a certain false and scandalous Petition, signed by them, and preferred to the Upper House of Assembly at the last Session of Assembly, reflecting on the Honour, Justice and Impartiality of this House, and highly derogatory of its Rights and Privileges; and also to answer for their Contempt in not obeying the former Order of this House, dated the 13.th Instant.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms do forthwith take into his Custody the Bodies of Samuel Owings, jun.^r, Benjamin Rogers, Jonathan Plowman, Richard Moale, Charles Ridgely, William Ottey, John Dodge and John Boyd, and have them immediately at the Bar of this House to answer at the Bar of this House, for a certain false and scandalous Petition, signed by them, and preferred to the Upper House of Assembly at the last Session of Assembly, reflecting