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L. H. J. and took the Depositions of John Paca, William Hammond, Samuel Chase, Edward Burgess, John Henry, Alexander McComas, William Harvey jun, John Tolley Young, and John Murray, the only Witnesses produced on the part of the Petitioners; and of James Hammond, and Edward Bond, the only Witnesses produced on the part of the Sheriff; all which Depositions, together with a Certificate of the Clerk of Baltimore County Court, under the Seal of his Office, of the Time of holding the Court for appointing the Day of Election, and a printed Paper purporting to be an Advertisement of Daniel Chamier, Sheriff of Baltimore County, of the Time appointed for the Election, being all the Evidence which was produced to your Committee, are hereunto annexed, and humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Honorable House

Sign'd p Order Ralph Dobinson Cl. Com

Which was read and Concurred with.

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Baltimore County complaining of an undue Election for said County, being read a second Time, the House proceeded to the Consideration thereof, and of the Evidence stated, by the Committee appointed to report the same; and it appearing to the House, that Notice had been given by the Sheriff, by Proclamation, on the Twenty fifth Day of June, of an Election to be held on the fifth Day of July then next:

Resolved, That the said Notice is not such as is required by Law. Also it appearing to the House, That the Polls were Closed at the said Election, on the sixth Day of July in the Afternoon, although the same was objected to by one of the Candidates, when the Sheriff had good reason to believe that a Number of Persons were on their p. 14 Way, and that many others might be expected the next Day, to vote at the said Election, the People were prevented from having a full and free Election.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the said Election is void.

Resolved further, That in all Elections, it is the Opinion of this House, that a Time of Notice, not less than Ten Days be given, exclusive of the Day of Proclamation and the Day of Election.

Ordered, That M.r Speaker do acquaint M.r Moale, that he is dismissed from any further Attendance in this House.

Ordered, That M. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Secretary of this Province, requiring him to make out a Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of Baltimore County, requiring him to elect four Delegates to serve in this present Session of Assembly, in the room of those lately returned for that County, whose Election is, by this House, declared void.

Ordered, That Daniel Chamier, Sheriff of Baltimore County, be forthwith brought before this House, in Custody of the Serjeant at