

ers, until the Governors Return, if absent or if dead, till his Lordships, the Lord Proprietaries Pleasure be known.

ACT directing the Manner of electing
 and summoning Delegates and Repre-
 sentatives to serve in Assembly, and
 for ascertaining the Expences of the
 Justices of the Provincial and County
 Courts.

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WHEN and as often as His Excellency the Governor for the Time being, shall upon accident or urgent Affairs of the Province, think fit to call and convene an Assembly, and to send out Writs for electing of Burgesses and Delegates to serve in such Assembly, such Writs shall issue forth Forty Days at least before the Meeting of such Assembly; the Form of which Writs for Election of Delegates and Representatives, shall be as followeth, viz.

FREDERICK absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltemore, &c. to the Sheriff of ——— County, Greeting, these are to command, authorize and empower you immediately upon Receipt hereof, to call together Three or more Justices of your County, whereof One to be of the Quorum, with the Clerk of the County Court, who are hereby required to sit as a Court, and during their Sitting, by Virtue of your Office, to make or cause to be made publick Proclamation, thereby giving Notice to all the free Men of your County, who have within the said County a Freehold of Fifty Acres of Land, or who shall be Residents, and have a visible Estate of Forty Pounds Sterling at the least, thereby requiring them to appear at your County Court House, at a certain Time, not less than Ten Days after such Proclamation made for electing and chusing Delegates, to serve for your said County in a General Assembly, to be holden at ——— the ——— Day of ——— to which time you shall adjourn your said Court: And during the Courts sitting, the said free Men required to appear, or the major Part of such of them as shall then appear, shall and may and are hereby authorized and required to elect and chuse Four several and sufficient free Men of your County, each of them having a Freehold of Fifty Acres of Land, or who shall be Resident and have a visible Estate of Forty Pounds Sterling at the least within your County, whether the Parties so elected be present or absent; the said Election to be made in such Manner and Form, as the Laws of England and of this Province do direct and provide, And you are to insert the Names of the said Persons so elected, in certain Indentures to be then made, between you the said Sheriff and the Electors, (that is to say) Two Indentures for each Delegate, each Indenture having thereto your Hand and Seal, and the Hands and Seals of the several Electors