

After Knowledge given them by the Governour they were desired
to choose their Speaker & to Enter the House

The Upper House Adjourned till to Morrow morning time of the Clock

Thursday the 18th April 1681

Present The Governour Secretary
Mr Baker Brookes Mr Edward Lloyd
Mr Robert Clark & Mr John Bateman

Then appeared Mr George Uge as Burgess for Baltimore County

Then came the Lower House & presented Mr Preston
as their Speaker. then was delivered to the Lower House his Lordships
declaration touching the Act for the Customs together with the Act now in
force, & the Act of the last Assembly now expired upon receipt whereof
they departed into the Lower house

The Upper House Adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon

The Upper House according to the time of three of the Clock
met, where was tendered to them a Petition from the Grand Jury for their
Costs & Charges for Attendance. Which upon reading was ordered that the
said Petition should be sent to the Lower House for their Consideration
as likewise the Petition of Oliver Sprye touching the Charge of wounded
men was sent to the Lower House

The Upper House Adjourned till to Morrow morning at ten of the Clock

Friday the 19th day of April Present as yesterday

Then came a message from the Lower House which Ed Evans & Mr Thomas
Manning brought which is as followeth.

The House being sensible of a general Aggrievance concerning &
about the Writts sent to the Subsherriffs of each respective County for the
Electing of Burgesses for this present General Assembly
It is Ordered that for the better Understanding of the Writts & satisfaction
of the Delegates attending that two members be sent to the Governour & Council
requesting them to review the said Writts, and to deliver their Interpretation
thereof under their Clerks hand

William Brellon

Upon the Delivery of which to the Governour & Council in the Upper
House it was Resolved that answer should be sent as from the Governour &
Council & not as the Upper house. and the Answer was penned in the Words
following.

The Sense of the Governour & Council touching the difficulty
& Scruple made by the Lower House in the words of the Writ for elect
Burgesses is that when the Freemen had met It was in their power