

Members to appear in this house and make good their Charge against the said Richard Tilghman

Whereupon the Lower House by Major Brooke Capt. Perry Capt. Jenifer & Mr. Weicks acquainted this house that the Lower House were Adjourned and resolved into a Committee to attend this house in order to the prosecution of their Charge against the said Rich^d Tilghman

The Lower House with their Speaker thereupon attending this House the Petition of the Lower House & Charge against him and the Petitions before recited being read he put in his answer these: unto in these Words Viz

The Answer of Richard Tilghman to a certain paper of Articles exhibited from the Lower House against the said Tilghman to the honourable the Upper House of Assembly as high Sherriff of Talbot County

The first Article wherein the said Tilghman was Charged for Levying and exacting from the people of that County more Tobacco than was due or assessed by the publick and his Lordships Com^{ts} of that County this Respond^t saith that the List of the publick and County Charge was sent by the Clerk of the County to your Respond^t about the twentieth of November 1670 signed under his hand wherein the publick Charge that your Respondent was to pay amounted to 32124^{lb} tob^o: the Salary whereof is 3212 in all 35336. This Tob^o was to be Raised out of 776 Tythables of our County that it was not cast up & poll as by the List under the Clerks Test may appear That it being late in the year & your Respond^t sickly he was obliged to cast it up at what & poll & so enter it in his Book that so his Under Sherriff might go to receive Tob^o: which he did in the presence of Mr Tho. Minson one of our Com^{ts} & Mr John Keely That at that time it was cast up at 47 & poll but suddenly after by your Respond^t alone found..... to be only 46, & about 346 over which he did immedi: ately certify to his under Sherriff and accordingly he did receive of the people That your Respond^t after this did hear of some noise that the Courtyer had declared to the people that the Levy was 44 & poll That in January Court they were about examining the