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Signed G. Order of this house

Robert Bridgley Esq of the Lower house of Assembly.

Joseph Norwood appointed Doorkeeper to this house

This house upon Receipt of the late Message Adjourn till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock —

August 19th 1688 Upper house met.

Where appeared the Rt Honble the Lord Proprietary together the Members as yesterday

His Lordship produces an Address to him made from the Lower house yesterday which was read and Entered in the Journal of this house viz^t

To the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary
The Humble Address of the Representatives of this Province of Maryland

Whereas upon the calling over the house on the 16th Day of August it did appear that thirteen of the Representatives were wanting and upon calling over the house again this Day viz^t the 17th Instant it did appear that Twelve of the said thirteen Representatives were still wanting eight whereof are Dead, One called up to your Lordships Council, two Incapacitated by reason they are Sheriffs of Divers Counties and one Departed this Province Whereby the said house wanting a considerable Number of their Body do humbly conceive themselves greatly Incapacitated to Act and do Proportionable to the great Trust reposed in them and Sufficiently to Consult the Grand and Weighty Affairs of the Province

Upon a Due and Mature Debate thereof in the said house it was resolved (Nemine Contradicente) that the Speaker of the house (Sitting the house) ought to issue out Warrants to Supply the Places of those Vacant Members aforesaid according to Diverse and manifold Presidents of the Lower house of Parliament in England then and there produced and Examined the Usages and Customs whereof this House do humbly conceive the only and sure Rule for this house to Act by in this and all other their Proceedings —

And whereas by the said Customs and Presidents of the Lower house of Parliament aforesaid the said Warrants from the Speaker for new Elections are usually issued out to the Clerk of the Crown, and the said house not knowing any Officers of that Quality or Denomination to whom any such Warrants as aforesaid may be Directed whereby they may Unanimously proceed in those great & Weighty Affairs for which they were Conveened —

In Consideration of the Premises and nothing Doubting your Lordships Compliance in this Our Just and Equitable request We the Representatives of this Province by your Lordships Proclamation assembled Do humbly desire that your Lordship will Graciously be pleased to constitute and appoint some such Officer to whom the Speaker may Direct his Warrants to such purpose and intendm^t as aforesaid —

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also this following Paper viz^t

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It was Voted in this house that it was the right and Privilege of this