

and Members thereof that this house is ready to receive them in the Conference.
 Mr. Sailler upon his return from the Lower house finds that the Message has been mistaken they Desiring an answer to their Address to his Lordship at Mattapani when it was the main Design of his Lordship and this house to give them answer thereunto by this Conference.

The Speaker with the rest of the Members of the Lower house enter this house; So then his Lordship Declares that he had read their Address of two Members of their house, the Contents being very Surprising gave his Lordship occasion to ask the Bearer whether they had Commission to speak thereunto to which they said yes; his Lordship Designing to ask them what the Lower house intended to do in the Mean time, it requiring some Considerable time to make new Elections, they replied that that would be no Impediment for that they intended to go on in their Business, his Lordship did then ask them whether they did conceive the Speaker and Members now assembled were a House sufficient to proceed in Business to which they said they were, which seemed to contradict the Tenor of their Message.

The Chancellor in writing gives them the heads of their Message
 The Speaker declares that their intent was to have waited this Morning on his Lordship for his Gracious answer to their Address and therefore Desired the excuse of his Lordship and this house for their Weakness in answering not for knowing what his Lordship and this house would say thereunto.

He says that by his Lordships Writt for the Conveining this Assembly 1676 four Delegates were Elected but two only Summoned by his Lordships Writt which gave such general Disatisfaction that the People by their Representatives then Obtained his Lordships New Writts for the calling all the Delegates.

The Summ of all is the Lower House request is that this Assembly which commenced with four Delegates in a County may still have their Complement during this Assembly. They are desired to withdraw for some time.

Put to the Vote whether the last Act for Electing Burgesses &c. that past for Electing four in a County being Disappointed by his Lordships Proclamation upon this Convention) Now sending out Writts to fill up the Vacancies of the Lower house may not be Binding as an Act for the future to Summon four Delegates for each County in Succeeding Assemblies.

The Secretary is desired to go to the Lower house to desire them again to come into this house his Lordship was ready to receive them.

He returns & they will send answer by a Member of their own.
 The Speaker and Members of the Lower house enter; his Lordship does declare to them that by his Proclamation by which they are now called, the Law for four Delegates is sufficiently Disappointed to, and that otherwise he would gratifie their request in issuing out Writts for filling up the Vacancies, he desires to know whether they cannot safely proceed as they are to their Business.

An Instance taken by Clement Hill 1676 from Sheet of S. Mains