

In Answer to a Petition of the Inhabitants of Kent are these Words following
Upper house of Assembly 12th November 1678 -

Provided it may be left to the Discretion of every County to Elect One two or more Delegates as they shall think fitt not Exceeding the Number of four to serve for their County in the Assemblies, then this house are of Opinion that it may be convenient for the Island of Kent to be one Intire County and that the rest of the said County be included into some other County Contingent or Elected into a New County of it self

J. Jewellin C of the Assembly
True Copy of the Journal of the Lower house of Assembly Feb 53 -
C. Boteler C Assistant of the Lower house of Assembly.
Upper house August the 24th 1681

An Answer to the Paper brought from the Lower house by Mr. Rich Hall &c
This house did in no ways wonder that the Lower house should assert their Rights &c: rather from the Rules of England than the Nominated Colonies but did instance the said Colonies to have taken the Rules of England in some Proceedings where: in the Lower house do Differ from them and yet in such Proceedings the Lower House pretend a Right and Priviledge to themselves from the Proceedings of Parliament in England which this house must still wonder at -

2dly That several Priviledges of Parliament are in no ways convenient and Practicable in this Province or other his Majesties Colonies & therefore this house is of the same Opinion as before -

3dly - That this house never likened the Freemen of this Province to a Conquered People, nor did this house in any sort intend by the word Conquest that the People of Maryland were Subject to Arbitrary Laws and impositions and his Lordship hopes that this Government has no way Deserved that severe Reflection, and as little that his Lordship should be swayed by strange and evill Council, which Expressions his Lordship thinks not very civil, and is confident came not from the Speaker and greater part of the house -

4th: That this house do well know that his Lordships Charter doth Sufficiently Provide for an Honourable Government which his Lordship and this House conceives this Government has been esteemed ever to be and that for the Freemen of this Province it has also Provided Rights and Priviledges but not such as the Lower house have last Insisted upon -

Therefore since some particular Persons of the Lower house have so Strangely Misunderstood the True Sense of what the Chancellor was yesterday Ordered to Deliver the Lower house (and which at the request of the said house was afterwards Sent them in Writing) this house does think it safest now to be short by assuring the Lower house that his Lordship has been at all times ready to Oblige and serve his Kindness to the Good People of this Province and as a farther Testimony thereof his Lordship is willing to Order the Issuing out of Writts for the Supplying the Vacant places.