

In Answer to the Message of the Lower house relating to the Bill for Electing and Summoning Burgesses and Delegates, and Representatives &c. This house do say that after the Transmitting the said Bill to this house from the Lower house; there was Delivered an Address from the Lower house to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary while he was present in the Upper house relating to that Bill. as this house cannot but confess that the Lower house did rightly answer themselves in that Address so we must Desire them to Expect the Answer of his said Lordship to their Address, who may perhaps by his undoubted right Settle the Matters in that Bill (contained by Instrument under his Great Seal, or otherwise direct the two Houses to form his Pleasure therein into a Bill to be passed by him with the Consent of the Two houses (who Legally Represent the Freemen of this Province) into a Perpetuall Act —

Signed G. Order of Assembly —

Upper house 4th November 1682.

This house having duly weighed the Crimes of Jacob Young committed are of Opinion that they are in themselves high Treason, could they be proved by two Witnesses Viva Voce upon Oath, but such two Witnesses are not to be had they being Indians and far distant from us this House is likewise of Opinion that the said Jacob is a Person so dangerous for his Malice and power with the Indians that he is not fit to Live at liberty, and this will appear by the Depositions taken by the Attorney General which he is Ordered to Communicate to the Lower house Wherefore we are of Opinion that it is Safest for the Province, for the Lower house to Imprison him for his high Misdemeanours before the Upper house, that so the two Houses may join in the certain Wideness we have to confine him for Life; though we cannot take his Life away by any Act in force for Treason at this Day; and desire the Answer of the Lower house in this affair so to Conclude this Session —

Signed G. Order of Assembly —

The two preceding Messages sent to the Lower house. G. Coll Coursey —

Coll William Stevens & Coll William Digges Enter the house  
Coll Digges G. Order from his Lordship produces the Address of the Lower house to his Lordship Touching the Bill for Electing and Summoning Delegates &c. together with his Lordships Answer thereunto in the following Letter Viz. —

Gentlemen  
Tis with very great trouble that at any time I am Compelled to Deny a request made by the Delegates and Deputies of this Province, and from the more at this time, in regard that my not answering your desires in your late Address I shall run some hazard (as by the same you seem to hint) of having my Good Intentions towards the Freemen of Maryland called in Question by you, however I must resolve to return you this Answer; that I think your late request is of that Nature, that it will as well be inconvenient for the Freemen to accord, as it may be dangerous for me to Grant: What Priviledges and Powers I have by my Oath are from the King, and that of Calling of Assemblies in such manner and on your side shall think fit being an undeniable one amongst the rest, I cannot Deem it Honourable