

Not safe to Lodge it in the Freemen as you have desired, for it would be as reasonable for me to give away my Power of Calling and Dissolving of Assemblies, as to give that of Choosing the Number of Delegates, and such Persons as think much I should hold my Power in the latter would not long be Satisfied afore they requested the power from me of the former: against this I can have no Assurance should I ever grant what you have so unkindly desired: Therefore I hope you will not hence forward press any thing of this Nature to me, being resolved never to part with Powers my Charter gives me but always to Exercise them for the ease and welfare of the Freemen under my Care, and by so doing I shall ever be left able to render a good Account of my great Charge here to my Sovereign Lord the King by whose great grace favour and Goodness I enjoy — all I have. And so rest

Mattapony 3. Nov. 1682

Your very Loving friend
C. Baltimore

For the Speaker and the rest of the Gent.
of the Lower house of Assembly —

Col: Henry Coursey returns from the Lower house
Came on a Message from the Lower house Mr: Thomas Burford to acquaint this House that they did concur with the Opinion of this house in drawing up Articles of Impeachment against Jacob Young and desired that Col: Henry Coursey might not be Dismissed or Spard out of this house untill such time as the Lower house had heard what he could say in the Business

Mr: Burford having Delivered his Message returns to the Lower house

This house send Answer by Col: Coursey as followeth (Viz:)

Upper house 4th November 1682

The Honourable Col: Henry Coursey according to the Desire of the Lower House hath been requested by this house to acquaint the Lower house with what he knoweth or can say concerning Jacob Young, and now goeth to the Lower house to give in his Information —

Signed J. Order J. Levellin C of Assembly

Col: Henry Coursey craves the Opinion of this house whether if he be ^{not} admitted into the Lower house with his Sword on he may not return again with Delivering his Message —

Voted in the Affirmative that he bring back the Message to this house unless they will receive it from him with with his Sword on

Col: Coursey returns with his Message from the Lower house not being admitted there with his Sword, but was desired to give in his Information to the Committee

He craveth and hath leave of this house to go home

Joshua Doync. high Sheriff of St: Maries County by his Petition preferred craves allowance out of the Publick for attending this Assembly, his Petition read thus unwritten (Viz:)

Upper house Novemb: 4th 1682

The Petitioner being commanded by his Lordship to attend this Assembly hath accordingly given his Attendance for which this house conceive he ought to be Allowed The Lower house are Desired to take the same into their Consideration so as to