

House by reason of his being Sheriff of the said County | though formerly Captain Richard Ladd and Captain Jonathan Sybrey were admitted to sit as Delegates when at the same time they were Sheriffs) this house rather than the present affairs should receive any Obstruction have thought fit to move his Lordship that Orders may be Given to the Secretary for the issuing out a Writ for the Electing another Delegate in Baltimore County which is accordingly Ordered to be done. the which had bin sooner performed by the Secretaries if Notice had bin given them, according to the Tenour of the Ordinances for Convention of Assemblies of any such want

Mr Secretary Sewall returns he having Delivered the said Message
The house Adjourned till to morrow Morning 8 a Clock

Friday 5th October 1683

The house mett again present as before Coll William Digges
Then came Mr Frisby and Captain Johnson from the Lower house and
Desired the Ordinance Concerning Electing Burgeses, they return and the same
Sent by Mr Secretary Darnall who returns having Delivered the same to
the Lower house.

Coll Stevens goes to the Lower house to know whether they have any
thing further for this house to night if not this house will adjourn; He returns
and says the Lower house will send to this house immediately

Mr. Prouby and Captain Peirce from the Lower house with his Lordships
Ordinance for Electing Burgeses, and a Bill directing the manner of Electing &
Summoning Burgeses Delegates and Representatives to Serve in Succeeding
Assemblies, And this Message

Lower house of Assembly October the 5th 1683

This house having Considered of a Vote of the Upper house made the last
Sessions of Assembly the 7th of November 1682 and sent yesterday to this house
as also his Lordships Instrument under the great Seal therewith sent cannot Con-
curre with the Upper house therein for these reasons -

1st For that the best and Surest foundation whereon the Peace of the Pro-
vince Depends is in the making Good and wholesome Laws for the well Governmt.
therof which Laws cannot be made without the Consent of the Freemen of
this Province by their Deputies Delegates or Representatives in Generall
Assembly Assembled, and since hither to the form of Assembling the said Freemen
their Delegates and Deputies hath been altogether Divers and uncertain, this
house Conceive that no better way can be used in this particular for the settling
the Minds of the Freemen and reducing a Matter of this Moment to a Certainty
for the future, then to Establish the manner of Electing and Summoning of Burgeses
Delegates and Representatives to Serve in Succeeding Assemblies by an Act to
be Assented to by his Lordship and both houses of Assembly which without their
Consent in Assembly may not be Altered or repealed

And although all due honour and regard ought to be had to his Lordships
Ordinances, and Proclamations yet this house Conceive this present Ordinance