The honourable {Coll Henry Coursey / Coll Vincent Lowe / Coll Henry Darnall / Coll William Stevens} {Coll William Burges / Mr Secretary Dar[illegible] / Major Thomas Truman / Coll George Talbot}

Mr Clement Hill Mr William Hutton and Mr William Richardson from the Lower house with this Ensuing Message Vizt

Lower house 9th October 1683

This house being so solicitous about the Bill for Townes so much desired by his Lordship and [illegible] the Committee of Trade Daily Employed therein and severall Debates in this house in Order to the Expediting thereof with Resolution to perfect and Dispatch the same as fast as the weight of the matter will permitt [illegible] hoped that the Upper house would not have kept the Bill presented by this house for directing the manner of Electing Burgesses &c so long without Vouchsafing more than such generall Answer thereto as in the last Message but on the Contrary [illegible] to keep the said Bill with other [illegible] Correspondence from this house to the [illegible] to this house that the Upper house [illegible] with this house as the present affaires [illegible] would easily appear [illegible] Delaying the Bill for Townes now under their [illegible] Upper house which Notwithstanding this [illegible] house hath the greatest Confidence that the Upper house will not any longer Delay their Consent to the Bill for Elections [illegible] this house [illegible] necessary for the future peace Quiet and [illegible] of this Province —

Signed per Order [illegible] Cobbler Cl of the Lower house

The said Messengers further Delivered by word of Mouth that untill they have answer concerning the Bill of Elections they cannot well perfect the Bill for Townes because there are some things that will have relation to both Bills —

They also bring a list of the Commissioners Named for the Manageing [illegible] of the Townes which they present to his Lordship for his approbation [illegible] the places by them Nominated for Townes [illegible] of which they desire Answer also before they can perfect the said Bill for Townes —

The places Nominated by the Lower house

In St Marys County

The City of St Maries [illegible]

[illegible] Bay —

[illegible] the Mouth of

[illegible] house

In Kent County

[illegible] 1

[illegible] — 2

In Somersett County

[illegible] — 1