

into a Grand Committee

Captain Joseph Pile and Mr. John Stone from the Lower house and says the Lower house are now ready to receive any Message from this house

Clement Hill Esq. with the aforesaid Message goes again and returns having delivered the same —

Captain Richard Hill Coll Lowles, Mr. Bogotham, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Lingan & Mr. Pile with this Message from the Lower house.

Lower house of Assembly 17 November 1688

This house as is their Bounden duty have attended his Lordships Cominands in both Upper and Lower houses of Assembly and do declare that it is their Duty to express their fidelity to his Lordship and do not know of any one Individuall Member of this house that directly or indirectly refuses so to doe or that hath in anywise either within this house or out of the same used any Speech to the Contrary for should this house be made sensible of any such or other Misbehaviour by any Member thereof this house by virtue of the Power and authority in them Inherent would proceed against every such Person and Severely punish the same, But having no knowledge neither of that nor any other unreverent or unbecomfull Deportment in any of their said Members whereby to give any offence cannot but highly resent Divers words and expressions contained in a Speech made to them by the honourable the President in his Lordships Upper house of Assembly and are very sorry that such unusual and such unjust proceedings should be Imposed upon them which this house thinks is prejudiciall to the power Authority Validity and privileges of the same. Therefore —

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved that this house to their great grief and trouble have met not only with unexpected but unreasonable and unjust Disturbances, But as by the Journall of this house, This house is in no wise guilty of the same

2<sup>d</sup> Resolved that there is a great Difference between the Oath of fidelity and Allegiance either of which or both we have and are always willing to take according to Law —

3<sup>d</sup> That what Oath is or has been proposed to the house of Commons in Parliamt. in the Kingdom of England was never proposed and consequently never refused by the Lower house of Assembly in Maryland —

4<sup>th</sup> That we have been and still are as by our former Messages willing and ready to take the Oath of fidelity according to Law not for fear of the Penalties Intimated in what was spoken by the President But as it is our duty and the Natural direct Result of our Affection —

5<sup>th</sup> That that word Rebellion ought not to be in any Message from the Upper house to the Lower house unless accompanied with an Impeachment against the Person or Persons that are guilty

6<sup>th</sup> That this house neither do nor did pretend to have any Privilege to Grant or Disobey the Law but do in the Name of the whole Province which we Represent Demand the Benefit of the Laws of England and of this Province as our Inherent Just right which we have hitherto been deprived of in not having the last Writts Election and Journalls returned as desired by this house

7<sup>th</sup> That this house knows not how to Satisfie the Law and Government