

An Answer to the Message of the house yesterday by Captain Bigger and Mr. Watkins carried by Mr. Sench as follows Viz^t:

By his Excellency the Governor & Council in Assembly
10th May 1692.

In answer to the Message received yesterday from the house by Captain Bigger and Mr. Watkins this Board have appointed to sit from ten of the Clock in the Morning to four in the afternoon, between such hours the house may direct any Message or Reply to this Board for Conference upon any Occasion and the same will be readily received and consented to: This Board have also appointed the honourable Coll Towles Coll Nicholas Greenberry and Mr. John Addison to Join in Committee with the Members of the house of Assembly for Inspecting the Body of the Laws of this Province

Signed P. Order John Jewellin C^t

Abel Brown Gent. late high Sheriff of Ann Arundell County Petitions to be continued in his said Office in Consideration that he hath well Behaved himself in the same and expended great part of his Estate for the Satisfaction and Discharging of the Publick dues, which by the late distraction of that County and the Disaffection of the Inhabitants to the Government under the late Revolution till the present Settlement he could not without extraordinary rigorous and unusuall Methods collect or get in —

It being Alleged here to the Board that the Petitioner himself had declared himself desirous and willing to lay down and relinquish the Sheriffs Place, and did not particular recommend Mr. Benjamin Scrivener the person now since made choice off to the Commissioners of the County Court, to succeed him in that Office upon which his Excellency had preferred the said Scrivener to the same, He doth not think fitt to revoke his Commission but recommends to the said Scrivener the Collecting of the said Browns Parcels and Arrears and what other Necessary Assistance he can afford him towards his relief, upon such reasonable and modest terms as conveniently he can; Whereof Mr. Sench is desired to advise both the said present Sheriff and the Petitioner also for their better Information.

Hugh Egglestone late Clerk of the County of Dorchester appointed by the Commissioners, and since his Excellencys arrivall removed and another put in his room; Petitions to be again restored to that Office, Alleging for reason, that he had well and Submissively behaved himself to their Majestys Government & never known or Suspected to be any ways tainted or ill affected to the same, and for what reason turned out he knew not, the said Petition subscribed with the Names of Charles Hutchins Edward Pinder Thomas Innalls Henry Hooper Thomas Hicks & William Mishaw — Magistrates and Inhabitants of the said County.

The Consideration thereof referred untill such time as his Excellency shall have discouered and Consulted the Gentlemen of the Assembly Representatives of that County —

Mr. John Edmundson of Talbot County Complaining against Samuel Withers Gent. Sheriff of the said County for not Complying with the Publick paym^{ts}. prays the assignment of his Bond in order to prosecute the same at Law for Satisfaction.