[illegible] Clerk [illegible]
[illegible] present Co. mch: Olyer [illegible]

Co. mch: Olyer [illegible] Rivers [illegible]
[illegible] Burgess, why he made not his p[illegible]
[illegible] pretended on ye writt [illegible]

[illegible] Writt [illegible] Clerk [illegible]
[illegible] ye [illegible]
[illegible] ye [illegible]
[illegible] ye [illegible]

[illegible] his appearance
[illegible] then requested him to digest his reasons [illegible]
writing, why he appeared not at ye first calling of ye Assembly
because he first alleged: That it was onely Casuall or Legall Elec[illegible]
on in the County of Baltimore.

Co. Olyer departed accordingly, & not long after return[illegible]
[illegible] again, & Speaks ye Speaker as his answer paper.

Mr. Speaker.

To you & the rest of ye worthy Gentlemen of ye Lower
house of Assembly. My Declaration & reasons why I, ye [illegible] am [illegible]
Baltimore County, now returned as ye Burgesse am not Legall
chosen, are these. Imp. At a Court held for Baltimore Co[illegible]
upon ye first Tuesday in December. The Clerk & Sheriffe being b[illegible]
one man, & soe of necessity must attend ye Court; By ye vey [illegible]
ceived writes for an Assembly to be held in ffebruary. w[illegible]
he taking up him to ye Court, there being some offers of ye Co[illegible]
officers, & I thinke no fewe of ye Inhabitants. Presently th[illegible]
Sheriffe proceeded to make Choyce for Burgesses. Contrary as I