

as he shall approve of.

The House being informed that Mr. James Crawford is Elected a Member for Calvert County in ye Stead of Mr. Thomas Greenfield, and he alledging he was duly Elected, Ordered he take his place in this House.

John Croft his petition Read. Ordered Major Hammond and Major Dorsey agree and treat with ye said Croft for keeping ye publique Ferry over South River and that all persons not inhabitants of this Province crossing ye said Ferry pay him his reasonable Reward therefore.

A Bill for ye better then proceedings and the Justices of ye County Courts a Copy of this County Serj. yearly to ye Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council.

A Bill for Speedy Justice and ye encouragement of Trade.

And a Bill for to prevent the abuses of and driving away Horses in ye woods - with severall Resolves of the House - and other papers sent up to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> and hon<sup>ble</sup> Council by Major Hammond, Mr. Low, Major Maxwell and Col. Hanson.

Ordered ye Severall Returns of the J<sup>rs</sup> appointed to run ye Lynes and make Division of S<sup>ts</sup> Marys, Calvert, Charles, Kent, and Talbot Counties be delivered to ye Clarke of the Provinciall Court who is hereby Ordered to Record ye Same in ye Secretarys office of this Province.

Ordered, That ye Sec<sup>y</sup> - at arms take Mr. William Parker High Sherife of Calvert County & Mr. John Freeman. Res<sup>t</sup> in Chancery into Custody, and bring them immediately before this House to shew Cause why they have not returned the Indentures of Election of Mr. James Crawford Chosen a Delegate for Calvert County.

Message from his Ex<sup>ty</sup> ye Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council by ye hon<sup>ble</sup> Colonel Charles Hutchinson and Col. John Addison who bring down ye three Bills this day sent up to ye Council & the other papers &c and the following Message -

By his Ex<sup>ty</sup> ye Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council. May ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1696.

The Representation & proposals relating to Surplusage Lands be were read and well approved off by ye Gent<sup>rs</sup> of ye Council, and his Ex<sup>ty</sup> is pleased to commend to ye House, that if his Lords<sup>ps</sup> does agree to ye same it will be of good use to ye Country and that if the House will afterwards consider of further ascertaining their Lands by a Law to be made for partitioning, ye House will thereby for ever make their Titles certain.

Signed by Order.

Hen. Dinton Clk. Council.

With ye aforesaid Message Comed downe to this House the petition of Capt. James Smith Sheriffe of Talbot County. Thus Indorsed -

By his Ex<sup>ty</sup> ye Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council May ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1696.