

This boards have Considered ye within petition and are apt to believe ye matters therein Contained are true, but Considering the Representative body . . .

together are more Capable of adju'dging thereon . . . result, but his Ex^{ty}. pleased to recommend againe . . . Certain proposalls sayd before them relating to ye . . . severall persons to manage that office and bring it to certain places &c. and that they would enquire ag^t next year if any persons will undertake ye same, - there being now a whole year before hand for people to make their proposalls thereabout.

Signed by His Hon^{ble} Council -

Mr. John Freeman Req^t in Chancery appears in ye house and is ordered to go up to his Maj^{ty} hon^{ble} Council to demand ye returne of ye Indenture of Election of Mr. James Crawford Elected a Burgess for Calvert County.

Mr. William Parker High Sheriff of Calvert County. appearing in ye house and says he made returne of ye said Indenture to ye Chancellor.

Mr. John Freeman returns to ye house and brings with him ye of^d Indenture from his Maj^{ty} hon^{ble} Council.

Mr. John Terry sent to Call in all ye Committees.

Major William Barton, Col. Minian Beale, and Mr. William Hutton, enter ye house and say that they are sent as Representatives for Prince Georges County.

Ordered, that they withdraw for a while.

Major William Dent sent up to his Ex^{ty}. to desire he would be pleased to send downe some of his Maj^{ty} hon^{ble} Council to administer the usual Oaths unto ye New Members.

Whereas Major John Thompson Navall Officer at ye head of ye Bay having received 30^l. impost Duty for three Negroes imported by Mr. John Moll, which Negroes are not intended to be exported for sale according to act, therefore it is ye opinion of this house that Major Thompson ought to refunde, Mr. Moll the s^{am}e sume of 30^l.

The severall Committees Enter ye house -

A Bill for ye Imposition of 20^l. of poll on Negroes - Imported - read ye first tyme and passed.

A Bill for a s^{er}ving 5^l of hoghead on tob^o. for defraying ye public charge of this Province - read ye first tyme and passed.

Major Dent returns to ye house with ye hon^{ble} Col. Greenbury & Col. Addifor - who administer the Oaths appointed by act of Parliament unto Mr. Crawford, Major Barton, Col. Beale and Mr. Hutton. who in presence of ye af^{ore} Gentlemen of his Maj^{ty} hon^{ble} Council subscribe ye Test.

That ye New Members take their Places.