

assist his Excellency and the Board in advising and conducting such measures as will suppress any violence which they may hereafter offer to this Province at such time when it will not be convenient or possible for your house to meet as such emergency may require.

Signed for us

W. Bladen Clerk of Council.

Which being read was deferred till to morrow morning.

Major Thomas Smith brings into the house Mr. John Hall's bond for thirty pounds Sterling. Ordered to be lodged in the hands of Mr. Robert Mazon Treasurer on the Western Shore.

The house adjourns till two of clock.

Two die the house meet and were called over.

Mr. Richard Beard high Sheriff of Ann Arundell County, enters the house, and orders that he go to Mr. Robert Mazon and acc<sup>t</sup>. with him, as he is Treasurer of the Western Shore for all such Tobacco as has arisen from the several offices of Ann Arundell County upon the act of Assembly intituled an act for defraying the Publick Charge of this Province.

Read the petition of the Inhabitants of Talbot County complaining of the Sheriff of the said County hath made an undue Election.

Resolved that the same be referred to the Committee of Elections and Priviledges.

Ordered that Mr. John Whittington Mr. Elisha Hall, Mr. Walter Smith and Mr. James Saunders be added to the Committee for Elections and Priviledges, and ordered that the said Committee go out to enquire thereof.

The Honble Col<sup>l</sup>. John Addison and Thomas Brookes Esq. and Mr. W. Bladen, enter the house and Report (Brief)

Mr. Speaker his Excellency has sent you some indentures returned for some members newly chosen to serve in this house and has commanded us to give them the Oath.

Who were desired to withdraw until the Committee of Elections and Priviledges have made report whether they are duly Elected.

Mr. Walter Smith and Mr. John Leech enter the house and bring into this house a writ of Election directed to the Sheriff of Talbot County and an indenture returned by the freeholders of Prince Georges County which they found was by mistake.

Ordered that a message be sent to his Excellency and Council to enquire of the said mistake.

By the house of Delegates July 11<sup>th</sup> 1699.

It being represented to this house by the Committee appointed to consider of Elections and Priviledges that they have received from