

The Answer being so prepared was brought into the House and ordered by Mr. Speaker that Coll. Edward Lloyd Mr. John Satter Coll. John Thompson Maj. Edw. Dorsey Mr. Saml. Boump. Mr. John Smith. Mr. John Lower Mr. Phil. Lynes Mr. Robert Bradley George Muschamps Esq. John Franklyne and Mr. John Leconte Carry the same to His Pref. in Council who Returne and say they have delivered their Message.

By the House of Delegates (May the 9th 1701.

Whereas Mr. James Rouns a member of this House Elected to Seve for Somerset County is lately Deed. these are therefore to require you to Issue out a new writ for Election to the Sherife of the said County to elect and chope one good and lawfull man to Seve in his place this present Assembly and this shall be your warrant.

To the Honble Mr. Bladen

His Maty. Secretary of Maryland.

Thomas Smithson Speaker

Ordered that the same be delivered the Honble Secy.

The Honble Thomas Tench Esq. Tho. Brookes Esq. James Higby Esq. and Coll. John Hammonds Entered the House and deliver the following Message to Mr. Speaker.

By the Council in Assembly (May the 9th 1701.

Gents

It seems to us that the most important service that persons will be Capable of is the due Consideration and serious reflection we ought to make for the present state and Condition of our Laws sent home for England the last Assembly and now as we are informed by the Right Honble So. Lord of trade and foreigne plantacon dying before His Maty. Atty. and Sollicitor Genl. not as yett certaine wth Determination they may fall under from His most Sacred Maty in regard of some apparent inconveniences Especially in the Law Intituled an Act for repealling certaine Laws in this Province and Confirming others wherein we are doubtfull to have made the same unhappy Mistake as in the year 1699 by Joyning of them altogether soe that it hath been offered that His Maty cannot give His Consent to any Laws unless all and in Likeman^r. disallow of any single Act unless the whole be involved in the same determination upon this important Occasion we are very desirous to have a Conference with Mr. Speaker and some competent Member of your house that if possible we may timely obviate any prejudice or differences arising therefrom in which we shall hartely Soyne with you.

Signed by Order

Mr. Bladen Clk. Council

Which being read it is resolved that a Committee be sent forth to Consider thereof and Mr. Reld^m. Cheseldyne Coll. J. Leidenoods, Mr. Mr. Dent Mr. Mr. Holland Coll. Edward Lloyd and Richard Tilghman