

That upon Inspection of the Sheriff's Return of Saint Mary's County the Committee find there was not a due Proclamation of a sufficient Time and Place for Election of the Delegates of the Said County. Notice being given the 30th Day of August and the Election made the second Day of September as appears by the Indentures and Certificate signed by divers Conjurants: besides which there are only three Indentures returned. And we further find by the Sheriff of Saint Mary's County Certificate on the Back of the writ for electing Delegates for the City of Saint Mary's that there were no Persons to be found according to the Tenor hereof to make any Election of any Delegate to serve for the Said City —

As to Talbot County we find the Sheriff has returned four Indentures under his own Hand and Seal only but has not given the Indentures under the Hands and Seals of the Electors which is humbly referred to the Consideration of the House

Upon reading the Petition of some of the Inhabitants of the City of Annapolis against the electing of Delegates to serve for the Said City this Committee humbly refer the Consideration thereof to the House where the Petitioners desire to be heard - Signed John Beale
Which Report being read in the House, Ordered that Part thereof relating to the City of Annapolis be referred till to Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock and the following Order be sent to the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen thereof

By the House of Delegates September 30th 1700

Ordered That the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis attend this House to Morrow Morning at Nine of the Clock and bring with them the Record of their Charter by which they claim to send Delegates to the Assembly and answer the Petition against the same also that the Petitioners against the Charter then attend this House and make good their Petition

Signed by Order Richard Dallam M. Ho. Deb.

As to that Part relating to St. Mary's City it's Resolved the Writ and Indorsement thereon be lodged with the rest of the Papers and Writs of Election until some Persons move thereon. A former Report of the Committee relating to the Land Records &c in the Secretary's Office being read and debated is referred for further Consideration —
The House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

Friday 1st October 1700 The House met according to Adjournment. Were called over and present as yesterday, except Mr. Stone, sick.

The House proceed to Examination of that Part of the Report of the Committee of Election and Privileges relating to Saint Mary's County Elections, and several Papers and Evidences examined as well for, as against the Election. The Members returned the Sheriff and the Evidences being ordered to withdraw, and the House proceeds to debate the same, and being debated put to the Question whether those Members were duly elected or not? — Carried by Majority of Votes in the Negative —

Ordered Mr. Speaker issue his Warrant to the Secretary or Deputy to send forth her Majesty's writ of Election to the Sheriff of Saint Mary's County to elect four new Burgesses Deputies for that County to serve in this present General Assembly returnable forthwith which Warrant issued accordingly
The Gentlemen appointed for the Conference ordered to withdraw thereon