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Sent to the Upper house by Mr. Tenbatt and Mr. Richard Macfield.

They return and say they delivered it.

In answer to a message brought this day from the Upper house by Col. Addison relating to some amendments proposed by the Upper house in the Bill for securing the peace of his Lordship's Government &c.

The following message was prepared and ordered to be entered (Prin^t)

By the Lower house of Assembly August the 4th 1716.

May it please Y^r. Honor?

As to the amendments proposed in the Bill for securing the peace of his Lordship's Government &c. they seem to this house to be such as would give the persons thereby intended to be restrained a greater liberty than was ever intended them by the former laws of the Province which are yet in force, and we are humbly of opinion as the act for obliging the oath of allegiance to be taken by officers &c. had no such provisional exemption as that proposed in the aforementioned Bill and yet was never construed to extend to those that are designed to be exempted by such proviso so we believe the said act would as fully answer the designs of both houses if the said proposed exemption were wholly omitted.

Signed order Tho: Maeremara Ch. Lo. Ho.

Sent to the Upper house with the Bill by Mr. Young and Capt. Grisby.

They return and say they delivered the same.

Mr. Joseph Hill from the Committee of accounts delivers Mr. Speaker, the Journal of that Committee - This session which was read.

Col. Whittington from the Upper house delivers Mr. Speaker, the following message.

By the ^{Upper} House of Assembly August the 4th 1716.

On consideration of your order by Col. Mackall and Mr. Charles Wright, to our Recommendation of Mr. John Brown's Sheriff of Calvert County's Petition, we must say we think that the petitioner is in very hard circumstances to get out of his office in July next before he can make his third year's Collection which may be the like fate of his Successor or Successors unless some of them happen to dye at a more convenient time about the latter end of May or beginning of June and without which accident the same inconvenience will and may attend that and severall other Counties, wherefore we desire you will resume the Consideration thereof.

Signed order W. Bladen Ch. Upper house.

Which being read is ordered to be referred to the Consideration of this house on Monday next.

The house adjourns till 9 a Clock Monday Morning.

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Then the House being called over, members were present as on Saturday.