

To the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Lower House of Assembly,

May it please Your Lordship,

‘ BY an Act of Assembly of this Province, certain Days are appointed,
 ‘ on which the several County Courts therein, are to be held in the
 ‘ Year; which Act limits the Number of Courts to Four, and gives Power
 ‘ to any Two Justices, (One being of the *Quorum*,) when, and as often
 ‘ as Need shall require, to adjourn the said County Courts, Process, and
 ‘ Proceedings therein depending, to such short Time as they should see
 ‘ convenient: Which only impowers the Justices to adjourn, in order to
 ‘ finish Business actually depending; and not for the Return of any
 ‘ Original Writs: Notwithstanding which, the Justices of *Talbot County*
 ‘ Court have assumed a Power of appointing and holding a Fifth Court
 ‘ in the said County, to which Original Writs are made returnable, ex-
 ‘ pressly contrary to the said Act of Assembly; which Practice, this House
 ‘ conceives to be a dangerous Encroachment on the Legislative Autho-
 ‘ rity, Your Lordship’s Prerogative, and an Aggrievance to the People.
 ‘ And that our Duty to Your Lordship, and the People we represent,
 ‘ obliges us to apply to Your Lordship; and to pray, that You will be
 ‘ pleas’d to give such Directions, as to Your Lordship, in Your Wisdom,
 ‘ shall seem convenient, to put a Stop to such unwarrantable Proceedings.’

Which Address was approv’d, and order’d to be ingross’d.

The House adjourns until Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Saturday, post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Dulany* brings in the Address to His Lordship, ingrossed.

Col. *Gale*, and Mr. *Crabb*, sent to acquaint His Lordship, this House hath prepared an Address to Him; and desire to know when and where He will receive it.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, His Lordship is ready to receive it immediately.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dulany*, and Twelve more, attend His Lordship with the Address.

Col. *Gale*, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the following Report.

At a Conference held at *George Neilson’s*, on *Friday*, the 23d Day of *March*, *Anno Dom’ 1732*, were Present,

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| The Honourable | } <i>Mathew-Tilghman Ward</i> , Esq; | } Members of the | |
| | | | } <i>Edmund Fenings</i> , Esq; |
| | } Members of the | } Lower House. | |
| | | | <i>Levin Gale</i> , Esq; |
| | | | <i>Col. Joseph Belt</i> , |
| | | | <i>Col. Robert Hanson</i> , |
| | <i>Major Edward Sprigg</i> , | | |

Your Conferees appointed to confer about, and consider the Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act for the Ordering and Regulating the Militia*, &c. having considered the said Bill, beg Leave to propose the following Additions and Amendments thereto:

1st, That a Clause be added, to require the Appointment of a Person in each County, by his Excellency the Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, to inspect and judge of the Arms, in the respective Counties, as Occasion shall require; who shall be empowered to issue Warrants for Levying the Value of such as shall be injured, against the Form of this Act, &c.