

Saturday Morning, June 10. 1749.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as yesterday. The Proceedings of yesterday were read.

In Pursuance of the *Resolve* of yesterday, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take further into Consideration the Matters complained of in the Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of *St. Mary's County*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Committee of the whole House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report; *viz.*

By a Committee of the whole House, June 10, 1749.

Resolved, That this Committee do return to the House, and that Mr. Chairman report, that the Committee had further proceeded to take under Consideration the Matter referred to them by the Honourable House; but not having had Time to compleat the same, prays Leave of the House to sit again, to proceed further on the said Affair.

Thereupon, *Resolved*, That the House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further on the Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of *St. Mary's County*, in the Afternoon.

*The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock
Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

In Pursuance of the *Resolve* of this Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further on the Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of *St. Mary's County*, &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Committee of the whole House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report:

By a Committee of the whole House, June 10, 1749.

That at a Committee of the whole House, the said Committee had taken into Consideration the Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of *St. Mary's County*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County; and *Resolved*, That the late Election had for *St. Mary's County* was not a fair and free Election for the said County, and therefore is wholly null and void; and that Messieurs *Zachariah Bond*, *Philip Key*, *Abraham Barnes*, and *James Mills*, are not duly elected Delegates for the said County.

Resolved, That *Robert Chesley*, Sheriff of *St. Mary's County*, did not, before the late Election of Delegates for the said County to serve in this present General Assembly, give to the Freeholders and other Voters of the said County, Notice of the Time of such Election, according to the Directions of the Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, *An Act directing the Manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates and Representatives, to serve in succeeding Assemblies; and for ascertaining the Expences of the Counsellors, Delegates of Assembly, and the Commissioners of the Provincial and County Courts of this Province; and did behave with great Partiality, by endeavouring to deter and hinder, by Threats and Menaces, some of the Freeholders and other Voters of the said County from their Freedom of Voting; and thereby, and also by offering a Reward to another Person, did induce him, and terrify them, into giving their Votes for the four Candidates by him the said Sheriff afterwards returned for the said County, as Delegates to this present General Assembly.* And directed the Chairman to report the same to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do acquaint Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Key*, Mr. *Barnes*, and Mr. *Mills*, that they are dismissed from any further Attendance on this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Secretary of this Province, to make out forthwith a Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of *St. Mary's County*; to elect four Members to serve in this present General Assembly, in the Room of Messieurs *Zachariah Bond*, *Philip Key*, *Abraham Barnes*, and *James Mills*.

[May Sess. 1749.]

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Resolved,