

With the aforegoing Message came down to this house the petition of Capt James Smith Sherriff of Talbott County thus endorsed Original Journal.

By his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r & Council &c May the 11th 1696.

This Board have considered the within petition and are apt to believe the Matters therein conteyned are true but considering the Representative Body (now met together) are more capable of adjudging thereon is left to their Result; but his Ex^{cy} is pleased to recomēd again to the house a certain proposall layd before them relating to the appointing Severall persons to mannage that Office & bringing tob: to certain places &c And that they would inquire ag^t next year if any persons will undertake the Same there being a whole year now before hand for people to make their proposalls there about

Signd p Ord^r
Hen: Denton Cl. Concil

Mr. John Freeman Reg^r in Chancery appears in the house and is ordered to go up to his Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Council to demand the Returne of the Indenture of Election of Mr James Crauford elected a Burgess for Calvert County.

Mr William Parker high Sherrif of Calvert County appears p. 20 in the house and say's that he made returne of the s^d Indenture to the Chancellor

Mr John [Freeman returns] to the house and brings with him the a^{fd} [Indenture from his] Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Council.

Mr Jo[hⁿ Terry sent to call in all] the Co^mittees.

Major Willi[am Barton, Col. Ninian] Beale & Mr William Hatton enter [the house and say] they are sent as rep^rsentati[ves from Prince Georges Co]unty

Ordered that [they withdraw for] a while.

Major Willm Dent [sent up] to his Ex^{cy} to desire he would be pleased to send downe some of his Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Council to Administer the usuall Oaths unto the new Members

Whereas Major John Thompson Navall Officer at the head of the Bay having received 30^s impost duty for three negroes imported by Mr John Moll, which negroes are not intended to be exposed for Sale according to Act therefore.

Tis the Opinion of this house that Major Thompson ought to refund Mr Moll the s^d Sumē of 30^s