

Lib. W. H.

Lower house of Assembly 14 November 1688.

This house according to the last Proclamation of the 13th of this Instant Novem<sup>r</sup> are met and called over and thereupon this house find by Report and Information of Some Members of this house that one of the members and Delegates of this house for S<sup>t</sup> Maries County Viz<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Richard Gardiner and one Member for Charles County Viz<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Burford are since the last Sessions of Assembly Departed this Life this house therefore pray the Upper house to enquire of his Lordship whether the Vacancies aforesaid are not Supplied, if not that Writts of Election may issue according to the form of the Act of Assembly to Supply the Same

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order William Dent Cl of the Lower house.

The honourable Major Sewall Comes into this house and the President Administers to him the Oath of Fedelity with the Salvo of his Allegiance to the King

Major Sewall goes to the Lower house with this Message Viz<sup>t</sup>

Upper house of Assembly 14th November 1688.

This house do desire that the Lower house before they Enter upon Business would take the Oath of fidelity according to that part of the presidents Speech relating Thereunto and according to the Promise of the Lower house in a Message of theirs of the 29th of October 1686. The Members of this house having taken the said Oath alreadye upon Notice from the Lower house that they are ready to take the said Oath this house will send a Member of the Same to Administer the said Oath as the Law Directs

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order Tho<sup>s</sup> Grunwin Cl of Assembly.

Major Sewall returns having Delivered his Message.

M<sup>r</sup> George Lingan and M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Luffe from the Lower house with this Message following.

Lower house the 14th November 1688.

This house have perused and Considered of their Message of the 29th of Octob<sup>r</sup> 1686 and cannot therein find that this house made any such Promise as in the Message by the honourable Major Sewall is Intimated, This house did then and Still do say that they always shall Manifest their Fidelity to his Lordship, and the reason this house then gave for not making any Declaration thereof according to the Act of Assembly was because the same was not proposed in due time which reasons still remain (this being the Same Assembly) and therefore this house Conceives the same Answer may be Satisfactory to the Upper house now as it was then

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order William Dent Cl of the Lower house.