

His Excellency with the Advice of the Board sent Major U. H. J. General Lloyd Col^o Ennals Col^o Greenfield and Philip Lynes Esq^r to the House of Delegates to command them in the Queens name to give their immediate attendance on him at the Council Chamber the Gentlemen return and say they acquainted the House therewith and immediately the whole House Attended his Excellency in Council and he spake to them as follows

I am acquainted that you Gentlemen of the House of Delegates have in an Extrajudicial Way taken upon you to construe her most Sacred Majestys Royal Commission to me to be your Governor here contrary to the express Tenor thereof of which you might in good manners have allowed me to be A Competent Judge having worn it so many years I cannot but look upon this Action to proceed from an ill grounded heat and Rashness not at all becoming the Station you fill and since no one pretends to control your debates and Resolves concerning the Election of your Members It had been much more discretion in you to have wholly proceeded thereon then after the unwarrantable manner you have expell'd the members whose commission for sitting in your house is derived from the same fountain of Authority which admits you thereto p. 975

Mr Speaker

I cannot but look on this Aukward Step as Derogatory to her Sacred Majestys Royal prerogative and therefore that the charge to the poor Country of an unprofitable Session may not lye at my Door you have this one more added to the many favourable concessions I have already made that I wish you to repair to your House and there seriously reflect on what you have done

Which being ended Mr Speaker and the whole House repaired to their House

Mr Bradley, Col^o Greenberry, Mr Tyler, Mr Worthington, Captain Jones and Mr Robins came into Council and delivered to his Excellency the following message which was read at this Board Viz.

By the House of Delegates October 4th 1708

In answer to your Excellencys Speech to the House this day in relation to the Charter which your Excellency was pleased to grant to the Citizens of Annapolis this House hath taken into Consideration what we have done upon Complaint of Several of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Annapolis who conceived themselves under some hardships by the said Charter lately