

tion of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Darrocott the Council with the Assistance of U. H. J. two of the Justices of the Provincial Court had given the opinion herewith sent you which is no Dispensation with the Laws for Towns. As to Several Presentments made at the Assizes of several Merchants on that score. The Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> says he never heard of any but one at Calvert County ag<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> John Jefferson of Kilkady in Great Brittain who was the first Trader here from that part of the Kingdom lately called Scotland and was generally presented for not keeping Store in Townes according to Law p. 589

To which his Excuse was there was no Store houses at Port S<sup>t</sup> George in Patuxent where he lay and the Presentm<sup>t</sup> being too General was Conceived improper and no particular Information of what Goods he sold being given the Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> by any particular person was the occasion he did not exhibit an Information against him.

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

The foregoing Message with the Bill for the relief of poor Prisoners sent to the House by Col Greenfield and M<sup>r</sup> Lynes.

The honble Col W<sup>m</sup> Holland came & was added to the Board.

M<sup>r</sup> West & M<sup>r</sup> Wright bring up the Bill directing the manner of Electing and summoning Delegates read again in the House and the Houses desire thereon Endorsed that it may pass this present Session and that if the Council have any Amendm<sup>ts</sup> or additional Clauses they are ready to receive them

But this Board being not yet agreed on what methods may be prescribed to oblige all the Freeholders of each County to appear at the respective Elections once more desire the House will not Insist on passing the Bill this present Session. Which was sent to the House By M<sup>r</sup> Young p. 590

Cap<sup>t</sup> Philips and three more bring from the house the Bill for Electing & summoning Delegates with the following Message viz.

By the House of Delegates Dec 13th 1708

In answer to the message by Samuel Young Esq<sup>r</sup> on the Back of the Bill directing the manner of Electing and summoning Delegates &c.

This House are of opinion there is no Necessity for having any method prescribed to oblige the Freeholders to appear at Elections, the Interest of their Queen & Country being Sufficient to engage them to Take Care of what Persons they