Gentlemen, I think it absolutely necessary I should acquaint you that I am enjoined by her most Sacred Majesty's Royal Instructions not to pass any Law or any Act by Grant Settlement or otherwise whereby her Revenue may be lessened or impaired without her especial Leave or Command therein — I am further to acquaint you that whereas several Laws have of late been passed in this her Majesty's Province relating to protested Bills of Exchange to the Relief of poor Debtors &c. which Laws were injurious to the Property of her Subjects residing in Great Britain; and which for the Reasons laid before her Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations they thought fit to repeal — Her Majesty's Will and Pleasure is that for the future I do not pass or give my Assent to any Act of Assembly wherein the Property of her Majesty's Subjects residing in Great Britain shall be any Ways concerned unless there be an express Proviso in the said Law that the same shall not be in force in this Province till after the Expiration of Eighteen Months in Time of War and twelve Months in Time of Peace, to the End her Majesty's Pleasure may be known upon such Law before it be put in Execution here.

Jo. Hart

Colo. Richard Tilghman from the Honourable Council came and acquainted the House that his Excellency the Governor approved of the Choice made of the Clerk of this House and desired he may be sent up to the Council Chamber to be qualified.

Ordered, That Mr. Robert Tyler and Colo. Philip Hoskins go along with Thomas Maunomara the Clerk chosen to the Council Chamber to see him qualified by taking the usual Oaths. They return and say they see him take the usual Oaths and the Oath of Clerk of this House.

Ordered That Mr. Speaker issue out his Warrant for the immediate issuing a Writ to be directed to the Sheriff of Kent County for the electing a Member to serve this present Sessions in the Room of Colo. William Ray who died since last Sessions of Assembly — Ordered that Mr. Speaker issue out his Warrant for the immediate issuing a Writ to be directed to the Sheriff of Calvert County for the Electing two Members to serve this present Sessions in the Room of Mr. John Leach late deceased and of Mr. John Broome who since last Sessions and being elected has accepted of the Place of High Sheriff of Calvert County.

Ordered That Mr. Speaker issue out his Warrant for the immediate issuing a Writ to be directed to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County for electing two Members to serve for that County this present Sessions in the Room of Major Charles Hammond and Captain Richard Jones who since the last Sessions deceased.

Ordered That Mr. Speaker issue his Warrant for the immediate issuing a Writ to be directed to the Sheriff of Queen Ann's County for electing a Member [illegible]