

## Journal of the Lower House of Assembly.

At a Sessions Begun and Holden at the Ridge  
in Ann Arundell County, Upon the second day of October In  
the Eighth Year of the Dominion of the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles  
absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and  
Avalon Lord Barron of Baltimore &c. Anno Domini 1683.

And there continued until the sixth day of November 1683 last past  
following and then adjourned till the first Tuesday in April next  
And by his Lops proclamation Bearing Date the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February  
In the year afores<sup>d</sup>. Convened to the City of St Marys, Upon the first  
day of April In the Year of our Lords 1684.

At which day: (viz.)

Tuesday April the first 1684.

Mr Speaker and the Members then present, mett at the Court house  
in the City of St. Marys, and adjourned till to Morrow Twelve of  
the Clock.

Wednesday April the 2<sup>d</sup> 1684.

The House Called, and all present as Yesterday.

Then was read what was done Yesterday.

Then Mr Speaker and the rest of the Members adjourned the House  
till to Morrow Twelve of the Clock.

Thursday April the 3<sup>d</sup> 1684.

The House Called and all present as Yesterday.

Then was read what was done Yesterday.

Then Mr Speaker and the rest of the Members adjourned till to  
Morrow Twelve of the Clock.

Friday April the 4<sup>th</sup> 1684.

Then Mr Speaker and the Members of the Lower House were by  
a Messenger Convened before his Lop: in the Upper House, and there  
his Lop: made a speech to Mr Speaker and the Members of the Lower  
House, The purport of which is as followeth.

First. His Lop: says that the reason why he did adjourn  
the last Meeting of this Assembly, and not prorogue it (as he intended)  
was to save the Temporall Lawes which would else have expired,  
And that he is now willing to doe any thing, that his two Houses shall  
reasonably desire for settling the Temporall Lawes as also of the  
Lawes mentioned in an Act of Assembly Made in the year of our  
Lord 1676.

Secondly. His Lop: says that having private business as well publique