Thursday 2^d November. 1683.

L. H. Journa! Original.

The house sate againe present as formerly and M^r Clem^t Hill from S^t Maries County—

Then was read what was done yesterday—

An Addresse from this house to his Lor^{pp} the Lord Prop^{ry} as followeth—

honble the Lord Propry—
the Delegates and depties of the bly.

and from vpon· Demonstrate that duty & your Lorpp have most readily find ourselves thus lessened aken in hand & proceeded ended to vs by your Lorpp at the the causes of Convening thereof & hope That wee may with your likeing Discharge ourselves faithfully in Vs by the ffreemen of this province they have Complyed with your Lorpps hoosing two Delegates and depties in afficiently impowring vs To Advise and our Lorpp Vpon the Vrgent affaires of

Who writts each County sufficiently impowring vs To Advise and Consent to and with your Lorpp Vpon the Vrgent affaires of this province Yet they have given instruccon to their severall delegates to pray and make provision That they be restored to their former freedome of choosing & Electing the Accustomed number of Depties for each County To be the Representative body of this province And having taken the whole matter into serious Consideracon Aswell the reasons given by your Lorpp as the desire of the ffreemen as aforesaid And being Confident in your Lorpps word That you designe nothing but the ease of the Inhabitants and lessening the charge that might accrew by a greater number Wee have studdyed by avoyding all obstinacy to your Lorpps designes To find out an expedient That may as well fully comply with your Lorpps good intentions and satisfy the minds & desire of the people And this is by a bill directing That all writts for the future may goe out for the Election of two three or foure Delegates for each County at the choyce of the freemen thereof, And this may it please your Lorpp wee most humbly advise to be the most hon ble & saftest way as well for yor Lorpp as ourselves And wee doubt not that when it shall thereby appeare (without all Contradiccon) to the ffreemen of this province, That your Lorpp designes nothing therein but the ease and welfare of the Inhabitants They will readily Consent and agree To elect such & soe many as they find most agreeable to your Lorpps desires for that and Thus