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To his Excellency the Cap^t General and the rest of
the honourable the Members of the Upper House of
Assembly..... }

The humble Petition of the Members of the Lower House of Assembly Sheweth—That Information being put in by Several Persons of Talbot County against Richard Tilghman now Sherriff of the said County of several Crimes Offences & Misdeameanours Committed by him in the Execution of his Office & otherwise & in particular that the said Sherriff had Levyyed and Executed from the people of that County more Tobacco than was due for the publick Levy and being told thereof He did notoriously abuse the whole Commission of that Country saying it was the Ignorance of the Comm^{rs} that did not Cast up the Levy aright or Words to that Effect as appeared to Us by the Testimony of Several Delegates and Deputys of that County Who are ready to testify to your Honours when required

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Your Petitioners did humbly request your Honours would be pleased to Cause such condign punishment to be inflicted upon the said Richard Tilghman's Person or Estate as your Excellency or Upper House of Assembly shall think fit and Convenient with which Request your Petitioners by two of their Members thought good to acquaint your Honours & in answer thereunto received from your Honours dated 30th March 1671 that the Upper House had taken into their Consideration the paper sent by your Petitioners Concerning Mr: Richard Tilghman Sherriff of Talbot County and that your Honours are of Opinion that a particular Charge ought first to be drawn up against the said Richard Tilghman and that then he should be summoned before your Honours and proceeded against according to Justice

That your Petitioners thought the mentioning of them in the Resolves sent to your Honours had been a sufficient Charge against the said Sherriff but your Honours not so Conceiving Your Petitioners have hereunto Annexed a particular Charge of the former and other Crimes Offences and Misdeameanours Committed by the said Richard Tilghman contrary to the peace of the Right honourable the Lord Proprietary his rule and Dignity and Contrary to the Laws of this Province All which your Petitioners humbly refer to your Honours' Consideration and Censure & if your Petitioners have herein omitted anything in the matter or form of presenting Impeaching of, or informing against the s^d R^d Tilghman or such other Delinquents They humbly desire your Honours Direction & Advice therein & to rectify and amend the same that so Crimes of this Nature may not go unpunished

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall pray &c.