

Original Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Rennolds attend this house as  
Journal. Serj<sup>t</sup> att Arms, and he being called in M<sup>r</sup> Speaker delivered  
him the mace.

Appointed of the Comittee of Elections and priviledges  
Major Hamond, M<sup>r</sup> John Hawkins, Cap<sup>t</sup> Philip Hoskins M<sup>r</sup>  
William Harris and M<sup>r</sup> Michael Miller

House adjourned till 7 of the clock to morrow morning.

Ffriday March 11<sup>th</sup> 1697/8

p. 160 Major William Barton one of the Delegates of Prince  
Georges County sending his excuse by his brethren the dele-  
gates of th<sup>t</sup> County that he could not attend the house by reason  
of his great sickness is excused

His Ma<sup>ty</sup>s most gracious Speech to both houses of Parlia-  
ment, read

Comittee of Elections and priviledges sent out.

The petition of Iames Baker door keeper to the house  
wherein he desires some small fee may be settled upon him  
for all petitions p<sup>r</sup>ferred to the house, being read is rejected.  
Yet the house considering his extraordinary diligence do  
resolve to allow him once every year 400<sup>l</sup> Tob<sup>o</sup> more than what  
has been usually allowed him in lieu thereof.

House adjourned till 12 of the clock

Post Merediem. House mett.

M<sup>r</sup> William Taylor appears in the house as a Burgess of S<sup>t</sup>  
Mary's City. M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks and M<sup>r</sup> Walter Campbell and M<sup>r</sup>  
Jacob Lockerman appear as Delegates of Dorchester County.

M<sup>r</sup> Edward Lloyd sent with them to his Maty<sup>s</sup> honb<sup>le</sup> Coun-  
cill to have them Sworne, who returnes with them and Reports  
that he saw the usuall oaths administered unto them and also  
saw them Subscribe the Test.

Major John Hamond Chairman of the Comittee of Elections  
and priviledges presents the following Reporte Viz<sup>t</sup>

March 11<sup>th</sup> Ano Dni 1697/8

We the Comittee appointed for Inspecting into Elections and  
priviledges do make Reporte that S<sup>t</sup> Marys, Kent, Ann Arun-  
dell, Calvert, Charles, Cecill, Dorchester, Prince Georges and  
Talbott Countys do appear to us to be duly elected and chosen.

As to Baltemore County we find only two Ind<sup>res</sup> retained  
which we do conceive to be contrary to the Tenor of the writt  
offer them to the consideration of the house