

U. H. J. M^r Tyler Col Ward M^r Rousby & Major Wilson members of the House of Delegates came & acquainted his Excellency in Council that there was a Sufficient number of their members mett to make an House

Whereupon his Excell^{cy} is pleased to direct the Gentlemen of the Council impowered to go to the House of Delegates & administer the Oaths appointed to them & see them Subscribe the oath & Test therein mentioned

The af^d Gentlemen appointed to administer the Oaths to the Delegates return & say they have executed the power
p. 3 given them by administring the af^d Oaths to the Delegates, which they took and likewise the s^d Gentlem. report that they saw the Delegates Subscribe the Test and Oath of Abjuration

His Excell^{cy} understanding there were a Sufficient number of the Delegates Convened, was pleased to order Col Addison and Col Tilghman to go down to them & require them to attend him in Council.

Who return & say they have delivered their Message

Whereupon above forty of the Delegates came & attended his Excellency. Who was pleased according to the usual Custom to direct them to choose their Speaker & present him for his Approbation

Whereupon the Delegates went back to their House and M^r Rousby M^r Bordley M^r Garrett & M^r Tasker came & acquainted his Excellency that the Delegates had chosen their Speaker

Whereupon the honble Col Holland & Col Whittington were ordered by his Excellency to go to the Delegates and acquaint them his Excellency expected them to come up & present him for his Approbation

The said Gentlemen of the Council return & say they have delivered their Message

And immediately above forty of the Delegates came & presented M^r Robert Ungle of Talbot County

Who after he had disabled himself as usual was approved of by his Excellency and then prayed Freedom of Debate &c in their House & Privileges & Freedom of their Persons from Arrests whilst in the service of the Country & access for Himself to his Excell^{cy's} Person on any special occasion so requiring.

p. 4 Then his Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following Speech Viz.

Gentlemen of the Assembly

Upon the earliest notice I had of his Majesty's happy Accession to the Crown I have called you together to Consult the