

and that I may Demean myself so (if possible) to Answer his U. H. J. Maj^{ty}s Great goodness in Approveing and my Lord Prop^{rs} Bounty in placing of me in this Station

And as I cann^t more Effectually Shew my Loyalty to Our Sovⁿ Lord King George than in a Steady Adherence to our happy Establishm^t in his Illustrious Line by Encourageing and trusting in the Severall Offices of Government his Majesty's Approv'd and try'd Subjects and keeping wthin due bounds our unhappy Dissenters from it w^{ch} I am Determined to do so I Cannot more Sincerely Shew my duty to our Lord and Prop^{ty} than by Zealously Recomending to your Deliberate and Peacefull Consideration the Severall Matters and things with which I am Instructed Copy's whereof I shall Ord^r forthwth to be Laid before you w^{ch} when by your wise Counsell's happily Accomplish'd must necessarily tend to a reale Benefit and Lasting good understanding Between the Propriet^{rie} & his Maj^{ty}s faithfull Subjects of this Province from whence I hope to make my Government most Acceptable to you.

Gent^ln. I have had Experience and felt myself the bennefitt of his Lordships Benign sweet Disposition And I am well acquainted wth his Practice and Steady Resolution in treading in the paths of Justice and Hon^r and I have his Peticular Comands to Assure you that his whole Aim and Study shall p. 6 be to Live wth the good People of Maryland as a Bountifull Indulgent Father would tow^{ds} a dutiful Deserving son, And I affirm if you will do your parts, he will delight himself in doing his

Cha: Calvert

Thereupon M^r Speaker and the whole house wthdraw.

Col Ja^s Maxwell Col Ephr^a. Aug^t Herman and M^r Tho^s Edmondson Memb^s of the Lower House Acquaint this house that they Attend with M^r W^m Clayton a member Elected for Talbot County M^r Stephen Knight a Member Elected for Cecill County and M^r Roger Matthews a member Elected for Baltemore County to see them Qualified

Thereupon the sev^l Oaths Appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly are Administred to the said W^m Clayton Stephen Knight and Roger Matthews who Severally take the sev^l Oaths af^d and Severally signed the Oath of Abjuration and Test according to the Directions of the Act af^d & so they withdraw

Col Richard Tilghman and Tho^s Bordley Esq^r are desired on behalf of this house to return their Thanks to the Rev^d M^r Sam^l Skippon for his Sermon preached this day.

Col Blakiston Agent for this Province [his] Letter directed p. 7 to the Hon^{ble} the Councill and Gen^l Assembly of Maryland