

U. H. J. Col^o John Mackall their Speaker for his approbation whom (notwithstanding his endeavours to disqualify himself) his Excellency is pleased to approve of after which he prayed Freedom of debate in their House and privilege of their persons from Arrests whilst in the Service of their Country and access for himself to his Excellency in any special Occasion and then withdrew

Adjourn'd till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

October 4

Friday Morning October the 4th 1728

This House met again according to Adjournment

p. 340 Present as yesterday except Charles Calvert Esq^r

M^r Richard Warfield and Edmund Jenings Esq^r attend with Robert Gordon Esq^r one of the members elected for the City of Annapolis in order to see him qualified

Whereupon the said Robert Gordon took the several Oaths to the Government appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration & Test according to the directions of the said Act after which they withdrew

Daniel Dulany and John Beale Esq^{rs} from the Lower House attend with M^r Michael Macnemara chosen by that House as Clerk thereof for his Excellencys Approbation of which choice his Excellency is pleased to approve

And thereupon the said Michael Macnemara took the Oaths to the Gov^t appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly subscribed the oath of Abjuration & Test and also took the Oath of Clerk of the Lower House & then they withdrew

Col^o Richard Tilghman and John Rousby Esq^r are sent to the Lower House to acquaint them that his Excellency requires the Speaker and the whole House to attend him in the Council Chamber

Who return and say they Delivered their message

The Speaker and the whole House accordingly attend on his Excellency to whom he is pleased to make the following Speech viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

The prosperity of the province of Maryland is the Subject of my daily wishes as it ever shall be of my constant endeavours and I embrace with pleasure every opportunity to Advance it hence arises the Satisfaction with which I meet you at this time the choice of Representatives which the Country seem to have made gives me the agreeable Prospect of an happy issue to our Consultations whereby the Sovereign Interest of the Crown the Government of the Lord