

U. H. J. The whole House attend and his Excellency orders them to return  
Lib. No. 33 to their own house and make choice of a Speaker

M<sup>r</sup> Harris and M<sup>r</sup> Smith from the Lower House acquaint his Excellency their House hath made choice of a Speaker

Philip Lee and George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> are sent to the Lower House to inform them his Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper house to present their Speaker for his Approbation

The whole House attend and present Daniel Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup> as their Speaker, who Excuses himself from Serving thro' his want of  
p. 311 Health, Which Excuse the Governour is pleased to admitt and desires the Members of the Lower House to Return to their House and make choice of some other fit Person for their Speaker

M<sup>r</sup> Key and M<sup>r</sup> Hammond from the Lower House acquaint his Excellency that their House hath made choice of a Speaker.

Cof Tilghman is sent to the Lower House to inform them his Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper House to present their Speaker for his Approbation.

The whole House attend and present James Harris Esq<sup>r</sup> as their Speaker with which choice his Excellency declares himself well pleased whereupon his Excellency makes the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly

As this is the first Time of our meeting in Assembly since we Received the news of the marriage of the Princess Royal with his Serene Highness the Prince of Orange, I cannot notwithstanding the Length of Time neglect this opportunity of congratulating you on so happy an occasion, being perswaded that you must feel the same Joy and Satisfaction, the same Sense of Gratitude to his Majesty for his Paternal Care and Goodness which has been so fully testified by all the Rest of his faithful Subjects

Of the many inestimable Benefits we Enjoy under his Majesty's most mild & Just Government it is not one of the least that we have the Liberty of making among ourselves from Time to Time such Laws not inconsistent with the Trade and Interest of Great Britain as may be thought most proper to promote our own Welfare and Prosperity. A Privilege from which we shall always reap advantages in Proportion to the Wisdom and Prudence that governs our Consultations, Therefore as we are now met together for that Purpose, I Hope you will apply yourselves to the Service of your Country, with an Attention Suitable to the occasion; there being many Things particularly relating to our truly Valuable Staple of Tobacco, that will readily occur to you very well worth your Serious Consideration