PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, U. H. J.

The day the gasth day of Session by the Tourstick Year of His Liber No. 36 on Tuesday the 25.th day of September, in the Twentieth Year of His 1770 Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1770.

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Were Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Governor

Benedict Calvert Esq.¹ John Beale Bordley Esq. r The Honble Daniel Dulany Esq. George Steuart Esq.^r John Ridout Esq.^r William Fitzhugh Esq.^r Walter Dulany Esq.r William Hayward Esq.^r

Mess.¹⁸ Ringgold and Paca, from the Lower House, acquaint his Excellency that there are a sufficient number of Members met, to make a House, and wait His Excellencys Commands.

Benedict Calvert and Daniel Dulany Esq:rs are sent to acquaint the Members of the Lower House, that his Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper House immediately.

The Members of the Lower House attend, and his Excellency desires them to return [to] their House and make Choice of a Speaker.

Mess.^{rs} Hall and Johnson, from the Lower House, acquaint his Excellency that their House hath made Choice of a Speaker.

John Ridout and John Beale Bordley Esq. rs are sent to acquaint the Members of the Lower House, that his Excellency requires their Attendance to present their Speaker—

The Lower House attend and present Edward Tilghman Esq.^r as their Speaker, with which Choice his Excellency declares himself well pleased and makes the following Speech Viz.t

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly—

Having regard to the temperate Season of the Year, the stated Terms of the Courts of Justice, and to the Convenience of your private, Affairs, I have called you together at this Time, which on those Considerations will, I hope, prove agreeable to you.

Gentlemen of the Lower House.

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Some Papers concerning Indian Affairs I shall order to be laid before you, Considering the peculiar Circumstances of this Country, the Incertainty with Respect to the part the other Colonies might be