

A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose a House being convened at the House prepared by M.^r Joshua Frazier for the Use of the Public; M.^r William Paca, a Delegate returned for the City of Annapolis, and M.^r Nicholas Thomas, a Delegate returned for Talbot County, attended on his Excellency to acquaint him therewith.

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Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer and George Plater Esq.^{rs} of the Upper House, attended by Doctor Upton Scott, Clerk of the Upper House, came into the Lower House and the aforesaid Delegates took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test in the Presence of the two Gentlemen of the Upper House.

Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer and George Plater Esq.^{rs} from the Upper House acquaint the Members of this House that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Members of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House. His Excellency required them to return to the Lower House and choose a Speaker. They returned, and unanimously made Choice of M.^r Matthew Tilghman a Delegate returned for Talbot County to be their Speaker, and placed him in the Chair.

M.^r John Hall and M.^r Paca were sent to acquaint his Excellency that this House hath made Choice of a Speaker

George Steuart and William Fitzhugh Esquires from the Upper House acquaint the Members of this House that the Governor requires their Attendance in the Upper House to present their Speaker

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House and presented to the Governor M.^r Matthew Tilghman as their Speaker. His Excellency approved the Choice and made the following Speech Viz.^t

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

I am apprehensive that the Meeting of the General Assembly at this Time, may be rather inconvenient to your private Affairs, tho' after the unusual Length of your Recess occasioned by the Death of our late Lord Proprietary, and the peculiar State of this Province; in Consequence of that Event, you may perhaps deem it expedient to embrace this Opportunity of enacting such Laws, as may promote the general Welfare. I have already communicated (in publishing my Commission and issuing the Writs of Election for this Assembly) the Succession of M.^r Harford to the Proprietaryship of this Province; I have the Honour to be continued Governor thereof, with his Majesty's most gracious Approbation of my Conduct heretofore, which I shall be supremely happy in meriting a Continuance of, as well as of the Confidence reposed in me by my Appointment; and you may be assured, Gentlemen, that it will ever be, as it always has been, my Wish, and Endeavour to promote the general Good of