

afflicting hands of Sickness and Restoring Health and blessing us with
 Severall Beneficiall and Healing Waters called the Coole Springs which
 by his blessing have wrought many wonderfull and Signall Cures,
 And Lastly for that the late Comotions and Disturbances were extinguished
 for all which Favours and blessings he had by the advise of his Majesty's
 Council appointed Tuesday next being the 25th Instant to be set apart for a
 day of Publique Thanksgiving for the Same to be observed by the Generall
 Assembly and of Inhabitants of N. Towne and port of Annapolis and on
 the 22^d of Novemb: in Ann Arund^e County and all other Counties within
 this Province.

His Exc^{ty} was pleased to Communicate and deliver to them Severall
 papers and Letters from their High^{ty} the Lords of the Council of Trade and
 Foraigne plantations, as alsoe Severall papers and Letters relating to the
 Springs and a Coggie of Mr. Woods and Mr. Styes articles against him.

His Exc^{ty} was pleased to observe to them that he could not understand
 their meaning to insist to have the C^{ty} of their House Sworne to Secrecy but
 but for them to Order their Speakers to keep a Journall he knew to be very
 unparliamentary, but if any of them will Transcribe the proceedings during
 the sitting of the House they may at pleasure, and further tells them that
 to prevent false Stories and Reports which amuse and distract the
 people he is willing that both the House his Majesty's Council and the
 Severall Members of the House should be Sworne to Secrecy.

Lastly his Exc^{ty} was pleased to tell them that ever since he had had
 the Honor to serve his most Sacred Majesty in the Station he has been pleased
 to appoint him he has Endeavour'd nothing but what has been for the
 Glory of God and Service of his Majesty and the good of this Province to
 which and noe other ends he prays God to direct them.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker and the house took their leaves of his Exc^{ty}
 and of Council and returne to the Stat^e house.

Where being met and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair.

Die Saturnij Octob: 22^o 1698.

The Hon^{ble} Coll^o Henry Lowles and Thomas Tench Esq^r two of his
 Majesty's Hon^{ble} Council and Mr. Mr. Bladen C^{ty} of the same Council
 came into the house and Informed them that they had a Commission and
 the broad Seale of this Province Constituting Christopher Gregory to
 be Clarke of the house of Delegates within this Province which being
 produced and read, and the said Christopher Gregory being called
 they presented him to them, and moved that they might give him
 Oath as by their Message they were Comanded and for which they
 produced the forme of the Oath drawn up.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker desired them to withdraw until he
 knew the sense of the house therein the person appointed being a