

The Members enter the House and there choise Mr. Woodbridge a Member returned for Talbot County for their Speaker and place him in the Chair not permitting him to make any excuse The House adjourns to the Council Chamber and there present their Speaker to the Honble President and Council and Mr. Speaker reverently directing himself to the Honble presid. disabled himself praying to be excused, and that his Hono would command the House to choose some other person better qualified for that trust which excuse his Hono. would not admitt but commanded him in her Majestys name to take upon him the same.

Mr. Speaker in the name of the whole House desired the Honble President on her Majestys behalfs to confirme all the Antient and accustomed priviledges belonging to the House which his Hono. was pleased to grant and confirme for which Mr. Speaker returned the thanks of the House — and

The Honble President declared the reason of calling them together as followeth viz;

Mr. Speaker and you Gents. of the House of Delegates  
 It having been under my consideration when to call an Assembly I have been advised by her Majesty Honble Council to convene you at this time not doubting you will have it in your view to dispatch the necessary business of this Session in as little time as may be, And that your inclinations are to place as little charge upon your Electors as possible for which reason I hope you will expedite what may be recommended to your consideration, and alsoe take the speediest methods to raise such supplies as may be needfull to defray the publick charge of this present year which I can with sincerity say I have endeavoured to make as light as I could, your hearty Efforts that way will not only convince the Country how carefull you are of their interest but alsoe afford you an opportunity of returning in a few days to your respective habitations.

Gents. I am not unforcible some have a notion I may assent to any Law that may be proposed and tis therefore I am obliged to acquaint you her Majestys Royall instructions have restrained me from passing any Acts in absence of a Governour in Chief but what are immediately necessary for the preservation of the peace and welfare of the Province without her Majestys particular order for that purpose which being promised I am perswaded you will acquiesce in her Majestys Comands and not expect me to act contrary to what I am soe strictly charged with