

and upon the Public Charge of the present Year which we hope will not long
 detain you from your respective Families Gent^l As we are enjoined by her most
 Sacred Majesty's Royal Instructions not to enter upon things of great Moment in the Absence
 of a Governor in Chief but what are absolutely necessary for the Peace of the Province (which
 we must thank Almighty God is well preserved) so we shall be very tender of not paying
 the strictest Obedience thereto, tho' always ready to join your House in concerting such usual and
 requisite Matters as may conduce to the Prosperation of the said and be reasonably proposed
 by you for the Benefit and Advantage of those you represent ever having a due Regard
 to her Majesty's said Instructions, and that with as much Diligence and convenient Speed
 as may be in the usual Manner.

Mr. Speaker and the rest of the Members repair to their own House
 Mr. James Bowles a new Member returned elected for Saint Mary's County, Major Charles
 Hammond a new Member returned elected for Ann Arundel County, Mr. John Hedger
 and Mr. Thomas Hicks returned elected for Dorchester County called into the House
 appeared accordingly Ordered Mr. Samuel Worthington Mr. Robert Tyler and Mr.
 Nathaniel Dare attend them and Mr. John Franklin to the Honble Council to see the
 said five Members qualified by taking the Oaths. They return and say they saw
 them qualified and the new elected Members took their Oaths in the House
 Resolved the House meet every Morning at 9 of the Clock and continue sitting till
 four in the afternoon

Ordered Mr. Speaker issue his Warrant to the Secretary to issue her Majesty's writ of
 Election for a Member for Cecil County to serve in the Room of Mr. John Ward now Sheriff
 of that County. The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock to Morrow Morning

Wednesday 25th October 1710 The House met according to Adjournment and
 being called over there appeared the several Members present Yesterday and also Col^o
 Maawell, Mr. John Satter, Mr. Sol^o Wright, Col^o Thomas Smithson, Mr. Wormell Hunt,
 Col^o Lowe, Mr. Thomas Robin, and Mr. Robert Mergle

Read what was done Yesterday. The House proceeds to name the several Committees
 For the Committee of Election and Privileges Col^o Walter Smith, Capt. John Muckhall,
 Capt. John West, Mr. Hugh Bealston and Mr. Walter Lamboll

Ordered the said Committee withdraw upon their Business

For the Committee of Grievances Col^o Walter Smith, Mr. John Worthington, and Mr.
 Robert Tyler.

For the Committee of Accounts Mr. James Phillips, Mr. Joseph Hill, Mr. Thomas Bordley,
 and Mr. John Bradford

For the Committee of Grievances Col^o Thomas Smithson, Col^o Nicholas Lowe, Capt. John West,
 Major George Yais, and Mr. Samuel Worthington

A Representation of several Grievances from the Grand Jury at the last Provincial Court
 read and the Consideration thereof referred till to Morrow Morning