

Gent: Whenever you'll heartily and sincerely endeavour to bring this great good work about I should never despair but by Gods Blessing to see the Country improve and flourish & then the rest of our fellow Subjects every where (to your lasting glory and Reputation) would be justly convinced that the People in Maryland truly serve God, and with a loyal, dutiful regard honour our lawful and rightful Sovereign the Queen.

After which Mr. Speaker and the rest of the Members took Leave of his Excellency and returned to the House and Mr. Speaker took the Chair—

The House adjourned till to morrow Morning Eight O'Clock

Tuesday September 28th 1708 The House met according to Adjournment

The Honble Honolm Cheseldine, William Coursoy, Thomas Greenfield, and Philip Lynes Esqs of her Majesty's Honble Council together with Mr. Evan Jones Clerk of that Board in Assembly enter the House and by Virtue of a Decree Potestatum to them directed administered the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament with the Oath of Abjuration to the Honble Speaker and the several Members following Viz^t Mr. Joseph Hill, Captain Richard Jones, Col. Charles Greenberry, Mr. Daniel Marriantoo, William Bladen Esq, Womoll Hunt Esq, Mr. Richard Sologate, Mr. James Philips, Mr. William Pichott, Mr. Nathaniel Dano, Mr. Robert Shimmer, Capt John Marshall, Col. Walter Smith, Mr. John Ward, Mr. Matthias Vanderheyden, Col. James Smallwood, Mr. William Stone, Mr. John Beale, Captain William Herbert, Mr. Hugh Eccleston, Mr. Roger Woolford, Mr. Joseph Emmalls, Mr. John Hudson, Mr. William Trisby, Mr. Tho. Springton, Mr. Daniel Pearce, Col. John Pogo, Capt Thomas Trueman Greenfield, Capt Henry Casagrine Lowles, Mr. Joshua Guibert, Mr. Robert Bradley, Mr. Robert Tyler, Mr. John Bradford, Mr. John Satter, Mr. John Whittington, Mr. Solomon Wright, Mr. Philomon Stomley, Capt John West, Major George Gale, Mr. Samuel Worthington, Captain John Franklin, Col. Nicholas Lowe, Mr. Thomas Robins, and Mr. Robert Unglo who having all taken the several Oaths and subscribed the Test and Abjuration the Members of her Majesty's Honble Council and Clerk withdrew. Mr. Womoll Hunt and Mr. Vanderheyden sent to his Excellency and Council to acquaint them that this House had made choice of Mr. Richard Dallam for their Clerk and Gray his Excellency's Approbation and that he may be qualified accordingly — They return and say they delivered their Message and that his Excellency will send an Answer presently.

The Honble Honolm Cheseldine Esq, from the Council enters the House and acquaints Mr. Speaker that his Excellency and Council desire this House to explain themselves whether they sent Richard Dallam to his Excellency for his Approbation as Clerk of this House and then withdraw. Thereupon the following Message was sent to his Excellency and Council by Mr. Hunt and Mr. Vanderheyden. By the House of Delegates September 28th 1708 This House humbly recommends Richard Dallam to his Excellency for his Approbation to be their Clerk.

Signed Thomas Smithson Speaker

They return and say they delivered their Message and that his Excellency will send an Answer. Mr. Cheseldine from the Council enters the House and delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message. By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly September 28th 1708

Mr. Speaker, Tho' we are very well satisfied 'tis her Majesty's Royal Prerogative to appoint proper Persons to attend the Assembly and that you have no Right to the Election of any but what shall be approved of by this Board, we are willing, rather than the Country's Business should be delayed to admit the Clerk nominated by you pro hac vice salvo jure, but resent it that you rejected the Clerk appointed by his Excellency without giving any Reason

Signed J. O'Conor
Evan Jones Secy.