

At a Session of Assembly held at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the sixth Day of November 1746 and in the 32nd Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Governor the following Members appeared in the Lower House of Assembly Viz^t

The Hon^{ble} Colonel Edward Spigg Speaker

For St. Marys County

- M^r Abraham Barnes
- M^r Zachariah Bond
- M^r James Mills
- M^r Phillip Key

For Kent County

- M^r John Gresham
- M^r Richard Gresham
- M^r Matthias Harris

For Ann^{is} County

- Deo^t Charles Carroll
- M^r Phillip Hammond
- Major Henry Hall
- M^r Thomas Worthington

For Calvert County

- M^r Joseph Ball
- M^r John Brome

For Charles County

- M^r Richard Harrison
- M^r John Courts

For Somerset County

- William Stoughton Esq^r
- Colo^l George Dashiell

For Talbot County

- M^r William Thomas
- M^r Robert Lloyd

For Dorchester County

- Colo^l Henry Cooper

For Cecil County

- Captain Nicholas Boyland
- Captain Peter Bayard

For Baltimore County

- Major Thomas Sherburne
- Deo^t George Buchanan

For Prince Georges County

- M^r Turner Norton
- Captain John Stoddart
- Captain John Addison

For the City of Annapolis

- M^r Walter Dulany

For Queen Anns County

- M^r Thomas Hammonds

Captain William Popper

For Worcester County

- M^r Thomas Robins

Col^l John Scarborough

M^r Key and M^r Bayard were sent to acquaint the Governor that a Number of Members sufficient to compose a lower House of Assembly was Convened at the said House M^r Speaker they Delivered the Message They Return and Acquaint M^r Speaker that the Governor Requires the Attendance of the Lower House of Assembly M^r Speaker left the Chair and with the Members of the Lower House went to the upper House where His Excellency made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

Having Received a Letter from the Governor of New York making Application for Provisions for the Troops sent from this Province I found my self indispensably oblig'd to call you together this at this Advanced Season to lay that Letter before you and to Inform you of the Unhappy Situation our Troops are in from being destitute of such a Supply of Provisions as is absolutely necessary for their Support, a Want that cannot but be attended with the greatest Inconveniences, and which if not immediately provided for must be productive of all the Bad Events arising from Wanting and desertion. As the Articles of Provisions is what is mention'd in the Duke of Newcastles Letter as particularly recommended by his Majesty to the Assembly of this Province It is my Duty to lay this Matter before you not Doubting in