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Excellency recommended them to return to their House to choose a Speaker: They returned, and unanimously made choice of Mr. *Philip Hammond*, a Representative of *Anne Arundel County*, to be their Speaker; and placed him in the Chair.

Mr. *Nicholas Goldsborough* and Dr. *Carroll* were sent to acquaint his Excellency the Governor, that this House had chose a Speaker.

Col. *Hammond* and *Benedict Calvert*, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of the Lower House, that the Governor requires their Attendance in the Upper House to present their Speaker.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House, and there presented Mr. *Philip Hammond*, to the Governor as Speaker: His Excellency gave an Approbation of their Choice, and made the following Speech; viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,
A General Peace being at last happily established by his Majesty's Care and Wisdom, I cannot help congratulating you on an Event that, we have all the Reason in the World to hope, will be of the greatest Advantage to this Province in many Respects, besides the Advancement of our staple, on which we most principally rely.

And it is a great Satisfaction to me to find, that the Law we lately passed for the Amendment of it meets with so general an Approbation at home; and I flatter myself, a few Years Experience will make it agreeable to every Body here: But as a great deal must always depend upon the faithful Execution of such a Law, it may be worth our While to consider of some further Encouragement, to induce Men of Worth and Character to take upon them the troublesome Office of Inspectors: And I thought it the more necessary to mention this to you, as many Gentlemen who have been recommended to me have declined serving.

Many of our temporary Laws being to expire with this Session of Assembly, you will of course consider which of them it may be proper to renew; however my Duty obliges me to recommend to you, in a particular Manner, the Continuance of the Act for the Provision of Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of the Province; which I hope there will be the less Objection to; as the Money is appropriated in such a Manner, that it cannot be applied to any other Use, without the Consent of the whole Legislature.

As I make no Doubt of your being met together with a sincere Disposition for the public Good, I hope we shall be able, not only to proceed with Unanimity, but to give such Dispatch to Business as to lessen the usual Expences of our meeting in Assembly; to which I shall readily contribute what lies in my Power, being at all Times desirous to promote the Ease and Prosperity of the People, in every Respect, as much as possible.

The Members of the Lower House return, and Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair.

On Motion that a Clerk be immediately chosen, in order to proceed to Business; the House unanimously made choice of Mr. *Michael Macnemara*, the late Clerk. Mr. *Harris* and Dr. *Buchanan* were ordered to acquaint the Governor (he then being in the Upper House), that this House had chose Mr. *Michael Macnemara* their Clerk, and that they came there to see him qualified: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they delivered their Message, and that the Governor was pleased to answer thereto, "that altho' he believed he should not disapprove of Mr. *Macnemara*; yet as he did not come to him in the usual Manner for his Approbation, he could not approve of him."

The House, on Consideration of the Governor's Answer, ordered Mr. *Harris* and Dr. *Buchanan*, with Mr. *Macnemara*, to attend the Governor, and to deliver to his Excellency the following verbal Message; viz.

That their sending up their Clerk in the Manner they had done, did not proceed from any Design in the House to infringe the Rights of the Government, or from any Disregard to his Excellency's Person; but that they thought themselves justified in what they had done by former Precedents of their own House.

And to shew his Excellency that they were so, they were further ordered by the House, to deliver the following Extract from the Journal in July Session, 1732; viz.

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