

to the Sheriff of Kent County, to elect a Delegate to serve in this present Assembly, in the Room of Mr. Jobs Gresham, deceased.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Wootton*, from the Committee of Elections and Privileges, acquaints Mr. Speaker, That that Committee had made choice of *Benjamin Beall*, as their Clerk: The House approves the Choice. *Ordered*, That he do qualify in the usual Manner.

Capt. *Robert Gordon*, a Provincial Magistrate, and one of the Members of this House, acquaints Mr. Speaker, that *Benjamin Beall* had taken the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, in the usual Manner, and the following Oath of Office; *viz.*

You Benjamin Beall do swear, that as Clerk to the Committee of Elections and Privileges, you shall true Entries make of all such Matters and Things, as by that Committee, for the Time being, shall be to you directed; the Secrets of the said Committee you shall not divulge, to the Prejudice of the said Committee, or any Member thereof; but shall in all Things, as Clerk to, the said Committee, well and truly demean yourself, according to the best of your Knowledge. So help you God.

Mr. *George Fraser*, a Delegate returned to serve in this Assembly for *Prince George's* County, appeared in the House. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Wootton* and Capt. *Addison* do go with him to the Upper House, to see him there qualified: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner. The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to the Honourable President; which was read, approved, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Ingrossed Address; *viz.*

To the Honourable BENJAMIN TASKER, Esq; President of his Lordship's Honourable Council in MARYLAND, and Commander in Chief thereof;

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES of the said Province.

May it please your Honour,

IT appearing to this House, that by an Act entituled, *An Act for settling the Administration of the Government of this Province, in case of the Death or Absence of his Lordship's Governor for the Time being, 'til his Lordship's Pleasure shall be further known therein*, That in case of the Death or Absence of his Lordship's Governor for the Time being, the first Person named by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, and in his Lordship's Commission, to be of his Lordship's Honourable Council for the Time being, then living and actually residing in this Province, and, upon his Death or Absence, the next Person likewise named of his Lordship's said Council, actually living and residing as aforesaid, successively, shall immediately take upon him the Administration of the Government of this Province, &c.