

After some tyme came the Lower howse and p^rsented Richard Preston their Speaker and M^r William Bretton their Clarke

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Then was M^r John Gittings appoynted Clk for the Vpper howse of this Assembly

The howse adjourned till to morrowe
nine of the Clock in the
Morning

Wednesday the 2^d of Aprill

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Present The Leiutenn^t Generall: Philip Calvert Esq^r Deputy Leiutenn^t Henry Sewall Esq^r Secr. Robert Clarke Baker Brooke James Neale and John Bateman Esq^r Councillors

Ordered that this following oathe be taken by all Clarks and Doore Keepers and all other Officers whatsoever attending the Vpper howse of the Assembly

J. A. B. doe swears that I will keepe secrett all things that I shall heare debated in Councill or in the Assembly, and that I will never disclose the same without leaue of his Lo^p. or his heires or his or their Leivetenn^t for the tyme being. Soe helpe me God &c.

Then were sworne John Gittings Daniell Jenifer and Martyn Casey:

Then was sworne Marmaduke Simme Doore Keeper to the Vpper howse.

The howse is adjourned for
an houre

The howse mett againe

Then was taken into Consideracōn a Certaine paper Endorsed: To the Wo^pfull the Burgesses for this p^rsent Assembly houlden for Maryland. The Declaracōn of severall of the Inhabitants of Anne Arrundell County which as beareing noe date nor being subscribed by any p^rson whatsoever, Was putt to the Vote whether it were a libell yea, or noe

Voted by the howse that it is a Libell Conteyning Scandalous and seditious expressions tending to the Vtter Subversion and overthrowe of the legislatiue power of this Province resideing in the Lord Prop^ry and both howses of Assembly, and that it be sent to the lower howse whoe are desired to Joyne with this howse in the searching out and Censuring of the Author

Ordered that the next thing which is to be taken into consideracōn be the Acts of the last Assembly