

Coll Hutchins & Coll Browne sent downe to the House to acquaint them that his Ex^{ncy} expects their Attendance in the Covncill Chamber presently.

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They Returne & say that the House are comeing up.

They Accordingly Appeare.

His Ex^{ncy} acquaints them that he Understands that all but three had taken the Oathes & Subscribed to the Test pursuant to his Maj^{ties} Royall Instructions & as the Law directs therefore he willed them to Repare to the House again & choose their Speaker & present him to this Board & then it should be given them in Charge what to proceed upon.

Read his Ex^{ncies} Speech designed to be Spoken to the house of Burgesses w^{ch} was well approved off by the Board.

Petition of the Inhabitants Scituated upon the South Side of Patapsco River praying that they may be Rejoyned to the County of Ann Arrundell as formerly they were w^{ch} being Read, Ordered that the said peticōn be sent to the house of Assembly for their consideracōn.

Petition of John Deveghe whoe prayes to be Naturalized Referred to the House.

The House of Assembly appeare again & present M^r Robert Smith to be their Speaker & Thereupon his Ex^{ncy} was pleased to Signifye to them in Manner following Viz^t

Gentlemen.

That God Almighty may bee Solemnly implored I have with the advice of their Maj^{ties} Hon^{ble} Covncill appointed a fast & day of Humiliation to be kept (& the Severall Reasons for soe doing you may see in the proclamacōn for it) And doe not Doubt but that your House will cordially observe the day appointed.

Gentlemen

I have severall things to Impart to you concerning Religion their Maj^{ties} service the good & wellfare of this province (which you may be assured their most Sacred Maj^{ties} doe & will most graciously take especiall care of) To Innumerate the severall particula^{rs} to you, I think not soe proper at this time but when you agree to have them laid before you they shall Afterwards.

The Speaker humbly desired free Access at all times to his Ex^{ncys} person with protection for himselfe & the rest of the members in all their priviledges, the which his Ex^{ncy} did Assure them off.

They desire that M^r Cleybourn Lomax may be admitted their Clerke which was Granted & Comission given him at the Board Under the Lesser Seale of the province & at the