

Journall
of the councill in Assembly from the 26th
of Aprill to third of May 1704.

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Att a Councill in Assembly held att the Port of Annapolis in Ann Arundell County the Twenty sixth day of Aprill in the third Year of the Reign of our Sovereigne Lady Anne by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith &c^a Annoq Dñi 1704.

Were Present

His Excellency Iohn Seymour Esq her Ma^{tys} Cap^t Gen^l & Gov^rnour in chief in & over this her Maj^{tys} province &c.

The Hon ^{ble}	{	Thomas Tench Esq	Col. Edward Lloyd
		Thomas Brook Esq	L ^t Col. W ^m Holland &
		Col. In ^o Hamond	M ^r Iames Sanders

His Ex^{cy} the Gov^r being acquainted by Majo^r William Dent M^r Philemon Lloyd & other Members of the house of Delegates that a sufficient Number of them were assembled at the Stad^t House but that Lieu^t Col. Thomas Smithson the Speaker of their House was very Sick & not able to come to this Sessions was pleas'd to direct them to go to the house & make choice of Some other fitt person to be their Speaker.

And after some short time came the said M^r Philemon Lloyd & Maj^r Charles Greenberry who acquainted his Ex^{cy} that their house had made Choice of Majo^r W^m Dent to be their Speaker And desired to know if they might now present him for his Ex^{cys} Approbation To which his Ex^{cy} answered he was ready p. 2 to Receive them.

Then came the Members of the house of Delegates & presented to his Ex^{cy} Majo^r William Dent for their Speaker who thus Address himself to his Ex^{cy} that Alltho' the house had been pleas'd to make choice of him for their Speaker Yett he hop'd & pray'd his Ex^{cy} would be pleas'd to direct them to make choice of other person better Qualified for that weighty Trust & Service from which he desired to be excused as altogether unfitting. But was answered by his Ex^{cy} that he could not Disapprove of what the house had done especially in this their choice of him Then M^r Speaker in the Name of the province did intreate his Ex^{cy} that all her Ma^{tys} Good