

Writt of Dedimus Potestatem to th<sup>m</sup> directed they had Ad- C. P.  
ministred the Oaths appointed instead of the Oaths of Alle-  
giance and Supremacy and the Oath of Abjuration to one  
and fourty of the Members of the lower House, which last  
Oath the s<sup>d</sup> Members Subscribed and also the Declaration  
comonly called the Test

M<sup>r</sup> Tyler, Colonel Ward, Col Mackall, and M<sup>r</sup> Hill came  
and acquainted his Excellency the Governour, that there were  
a sufficient Number of their Members met to make up their  
House Whereupon His Excellency sent the Honb<sup>le</sup> Thomas  
Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> and Colonel William Coursey to require their  
Attendance in the Council Chamber: Whereupon about  
fourty of the Members of the lower House came and attended  
his Excellency in Council, whome his Excellency directed to  
repair to their House and choose their Speaker: In order  
whereto they withdrew and repaired to their House

And Colonel Hoskins and M<sup>r</sup> Codd came and acquainted  
his Excellency that the House had chosen their Speaker.

His Excellency immediately sent the Honb<sup>le</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colonel  
Samuel Young & Col Thomas Addison to require them to  
present him for his Approbation

Whereupon the Members of the lower House came and  
Presented the Honb<sup>le</sup> Colonell Matthew Tilghman Ward as  
their Speaker who endeavoured to disable himselfe but was  
notwithstanding well approved of by his Excell<sup>cy</sup> who ex-  
pressed himselfe extreamly satisfied, as beleiving it was the  
unanimous Choice of the House.

Then the s<sup>d</sup> Col Ward pray'd his Excellency that their  
Priveleiges might be preserved and he have Access to his  
Person on all urgent Occasions.

Which his Excell<sup>cy</sup> was pleased to grant And then bespake  
them after this manner

Gentlemen of the Upper }  
and lower House of Assembly }

His most sacred Majesty King George (whome God Can  
preserve) has been most graciously pleased, out of his Abun-  
dant Wisdom and Justice, to restore the Rt Honb<sup>le</sup> the Lord  
Proprietarie of this Province, to the Governm<sup>t</sup> thereof; and  
also has the Clemency & Bounty to Approve of me in this  
Nation, I now have the honour to be employd, as appears by  
his Majesty's Royal Instructions under the Signe Manual, and  
Privy Seal Given at S<sup>t</sup> James the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1715 His  
Majesty, who is the true Defender of the Faith, was readily  
induced to reinstate the noble Family of Baltemore in their  
ancient Right of Governing this Province, from the Consid-