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Council had the oaths appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the oath of Abjuration and Settling the Succession of the Crown which they took and Subscribed and also the Test and then took their Places at the Board

The Board believing a Sufficient appearance of the Delegates of Assembly were met at the House ordered that the clerk of the Council go to the Court House and Speak to the said Delegates to present themselves before his Excellency the Governour Whereupon the said Delegates came up and acquainted his Excellency they were met to the number of twenty nine according to the several Writts of Election, and Desired to know his Excellency's pleasure if they should proceed to Business or attend for a greater number to which his Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleased to say that he believed they were a Sufficient number and desired they would proceed to choose their Speaker for that Time was equally precious to them as to himself and her Majties honble Council after which they departed

Then came the Members of the House of Delegates and present Col William Dent for their Speaker who excused himself as unfitt for that Honour and Trust but his Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleased to say that it was only his modesty & Approved him as Speaker after which he prayed free access to his Excys pson, freedom of Debate and that if any mistake should happen he would Impute it to his Weakness and then Departed to the House

Maj<sup>r</sup> Greenberry M<sup>r</sup> Young and M<sup>r</sup> Muschamp from the House to know if his Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleased that the members who had heretofore Sat in the last Assembly and qualified themselves by taking the Several Oaths required should now at this their meeting take the same oaths againe, to which his Ex<sup>cy</sup> said he was of opinion that they must take now those oaths againe for that this was not another Session but another General Assembly their Several trusts in the other being ceased and New ones reposed in them: the said Gent<sup>n</sup> were desired so to acquaint the House.

A Dedimus Potestatem under the great Seal of this her Majties Province being prepared directed to the honourable Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> and Col John Addison Thomas Brook Esq<sup>r</sup> and Col John Hammond of her Majesties honble Council to Swear the Delegates and Representatives in this present General Assembly. The said Gent<sup>n</sup> were ordered to go down to the House and Swear the Several Members which they did and made report that they had administred the oaths to Col William Dent Speaker of the House and the following mem-