

U. H. J. John Hall and John Rousby Esq<sup>rs</sup> are sent to Acquaint the Lower House that His Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper House Imediately.

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The Session  
was post-  
poned to  
July. Coun-  
cil met July  
14 and Aug.  
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nal MS. of  
proceedings  
is found in  
Calvert  
Papers, 730

The whole House attend, and His Excellency requires them to return to their own House, and make Choice of a Speaker.

M<sup>r</sup> Beal and M<sup>r</sup> Crabb from the Lower House Acquaint His Excellency their House hath made Choice of a Speaker.

Benjamin Tasker and Philip Lee Esq<sup>rs</sup> are sent to the Lower House to inform them His Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper House to present their Speaker for His Approbation

The whole House attend and present Col John Mackall for their Speaker, with which Choice His Ex<sup>cy</sup> Declares himselfe well pleased

Whereupon His Excellency delivers himselfe to the Gentlemen of both Houses as follows

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.

The Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary has directed me to Communicate to you the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly I am very Sorry I have been forced to postpone the pleasure of seeing my faithfull Tenants; and it gives me equall concern that our Brother your late Governor is Obliged to come home for the Recovery of his Health but do not in the Least Doubt, your present Governor will make the welfare of the Province his peculiar Care, And the good People of Maryland, may be Assured, it shall be mine

Baltimore

His Excellency is pleased to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly

I am Heartily concerned for the calamitous Condition the Country is in, Occasioned by the Decay of its Trade and the Lowness of its Staple; and I cannot But think it an Agravation of our Misfortunes that severall well meaning honest Men should seem so far to despair of any Relief from the Legislature, as to have been seduced to Countenance & encourage the cutters up of Tobacco Plants in their late Tumultuous & violent proceedings, which had they not been happily Suppressed must have been attended with the most fatal Consequences

It is from the Legislature that the People ought to Expect a Relief from their Grievances, and a Reformation of what is amiss in publick Affairs, and not from Violence and Popular Tumults which can only Add to our Misfortunes Our Staple, low as it is, may Yet be raised in its Value by proper Laws with due care taken for their Execution upon this your happiness depends, therefore I promise