

L. H. J. Hindman two returned Members for Dorchester County, Col^o Robert King William Stoughton Esq^r Major George Gale and Captain James Martin returned Members for Somerset County appeared in the House

Ordered that M^r Lloyd and M^r Thomas go to the Upper House and see them qualified; they return and acquaint M^r Speaker they saw them qualified in the usual manner by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signing the Oath of Abjuration and by repeating and signing the Test. The Gentlemen took their Place in the House.

p. 316 M^r Calder brings in an Address to his Excellency on his Speech, which he read in his Place, and being afterwards read by the Clerk, was approved and Ordered to be Ingressed

On Motion of a Member for Leave to be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the Exportation of Indian Corn Leave is given

The House Adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon

Post Meridiem

The House met according to Adjournment &c^a

M^r Philemon Lecompte a returned Member to serve in this Assembly for Dorchester County appeared in the House

Ordered that Captain Ennalls and M^r Hindman go to the Upper House to see him qualified they return and acquaint M^r Speaker they saw him qualified by his taking the Oaths to the Government required by Law, by signing the Oath of Abjuration and by repeating and signing the Test

The following Ingressed Address to his Excellency the Governor viz.

To his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Governor of Maryland

The humble Address of the House of Delegates

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys most dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of Maryland in General Assembly convened, do very sincerely congratulate your safe Arrival with your Family as Governor of this Province the Place of your Nativity and return you our hearty Thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session, and the good Wishes you are pleased to express for our Interest and Happiness

There are many things necessary for our Consideration of which we are sensible your Excellency in the short time you have been among us cannot have had Opportunity of being apprized, and although it is with the greatest Reluctance We mix any thing like Complaint with our first Address to you; yet his Lordship's the Lord Proprietary's Dissent (lately published) to the Act made last Session entituled An Act for the Assessment and Payment of the Public