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Mr. Philip Key, a Delegate returned to serve in this Assembly for St. Mary's County, appeared in the House. Ordered, That Capt. Bond and Major Barnes do go with Mr. Key to the Upper House to see him there qualified: They returned, and acquainted Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

Major Charles Ridgely, a Delegate returned to serve in this Assembly for Baltimore County, appeared in the House; and it being represented that the Small Pox was raging in his Family, he was desired by Mr. Speaker, on Behalf of the House, to withdraw; with which Request the Gentleman complied.

On motion that a Bill be brought in for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, before a single Magistrate out of Court; Leave is given: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

The Petition of Sarah Perkins, of Kent County, Widow, was read, and referred to the Consideration of next Assembly.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the lower Part of Kent County was read, and referred to the Consideration of next Assembly.

Mr. John Goldsborough, from the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, acquaints Mr. Speaker that That Committee had chosen Mr. William Wilkins as Clerk: The House approves the Choice, and Ordered, That he do qualify himself in the usual Manner.

Col. Hooper, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Ingrossed Address; viz.

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle, Esq; Governor of Maryland.

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of Maryland, in Assembly convened, return your Excellency our Thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session.

It is with just Concern we lament the Death of the late Right Honourable Lord Proprietary of this Province, and condole with your Excellency that melancholy Event; but at the same Time, it is the greatest Satisfaction to us to reflect upon the valuable Qualifications of his Noble Successor, of whose early good Sense, and other promising Qualities, we are assured by your Excellency; and from which we promise ourselves all the Blessings that naturally flow from a mild and equitable Administration.

We congratulate your Excellency upon your Continuance in the Government, and are truly thankful for your Excellency's kind Professions, and sincere Intentions, towards the good People of this Province And as it is certainly true, that the Interest of his Lordship is best promoted by increasing the Number and Riches of his