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[W^m Paca to The General Assembly.]

The Resignations, which have taken place in the Council this Day have reduced the number of members short of what is sufficient to constitute a Board for the Transacting of Business: there are now only two Members, and the thirty fourth Clause of our Constitution and Form of Government requires three or more to constitute a Board—The thirty fifth Clause, which provides for filling up Vacancies in the Council, directs it to be done by the Members thereof, but I humbly submit whether a less number than a Board can exercise the Power. I have the Honor to be Gentlemen &^{ca}

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Saturday 27th December 1783.

Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly passed in November Session 1783 His Excellency by his Circular Letter gives Notice to the Members of the Council to Meet on Thursday the fifth Day of January next.—

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[W^m Paca, Annapolis, Circular, To the Members of the Council.]

Agreeably to the Directions of an Act which passed the last Session of Assembly I have thought proper to Notify to you that Public Business requires the Council to be convened on Monday the fifth Day of January, at which Time your Attendance is requested.

With great Regard &^{ca}

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[Monday 5th January 1784]

At a Meeting of the Council on Monday the 5th Day of January 1784 pursuant to the Notification of His Excellency the Governor of the 27th of December last

Were Present His Excellency William Paca Esq^r Governor
 The Honorable Gabriel Duvall Esquire
 Major John Davidson & Charles Wallace Esq^r two of the Members of the Council, elected by the General Assembly in the room of the Honorable Jerem^r T. Chase, James Brice and Benjamin Ogle Esq^{rs} who resigned attended and severally Qualified before William Hyde one of the Justices of Ann Arundel County by taking the several Oaths required by the Constitution and form of Government and the Laws of this State, and by making and subscribing a Declaration of their Belief in the Cristian Relegion, and Certificate of their Qualification produced & filed—

The Council adjourned 'till tomorrow morning 11 oClock.—

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Tuesday 6th January 1784

The Council met
 Present His Excellency William Paca Esquire Governor
 The Honorable Gabriel Duvall, John Davidson & Charles Wallace Esq^{rs}