

L. H. J.  
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February 23

A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose the Lower House of Assembly having met at the Stadt-House, Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> Smallwood and M.<sup>r</sup> Govane, do acquaint his Excellency therewith.

They return and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker with having delivered the Message.

Col. Hammond, and Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker left the Chair, and (with the rest of the Members of the Lower House) attended the Governor in the Upper House; where his Excellency made the following Speech, viz.

p. 162 Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

[This message is printed in full in the Upper House Journal, pages 219-21.]

p. 163 M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker (with the rest of the Members) returned to the Lower House and re-assumed the Chair.

On Motion, his Excellency's Speech was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

M.<sup>r</sup> William Smith, a Delegate returned to serve in this present Session of Assembly, for Baltimore County, appeared in the House. M.<sup>r</sup> John Reeder, a Delegate returned to serve in this present Session of Assembly, for St. Mary's County, appeared in the House. Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> Paca, and M.<sup>r</sup> Thomas Reeder, do go with those Gentlemen, to the Upper House, to see them qualified: They return and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker, that they saw M.<sup>r</sup> Smith and M.<sup>r</sup> John Reeder qualified, in the usual Manner. The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen who were on the several Committees from this House last Session, be continued thereon this Session.

Resolved, That the Rules of the House observed by the several Members last Session, be observed by them as such during this Session.

Resolved, That the Hours of Sitting for Dispatch of public Business this Session, be from Nine of the Clock before Noon until Twelve, and from Two of the Clock Afternoon until Five.

Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> Dulany do acquaint the Reverend M.<sup>r</sup> MacPherson, that he is requested by this House to read Divine Service daily, at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, and at Five of the Clock in the Evening, during this Session.

On Motion, Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Deputy Secretary of this Province forthwith to make out two Writs of Election, the one directed to the Sheriff of Anne-Arundel County, to elect a Delegate, or Burgess, to serve in the General