

L. H. J.
Liber No. 49
Sept. 28

For Somerset County,
Mr. Samuel Wilson.

For Worcester County,
Major Benjamin Handy,
Mr. Benton Harris.

For Dorchester County,
Col. Henry Hooper.

For Frederick County,
Mr. Edward Dorsey.

p. 2 A sufficient Number of Delegates, to compose a Lower House of Assembly, being convened at the Stadt-House, Mr. Walter Dulany, a Delegate returned to serve in this Assembly for the City of Annapolis, and Mr. Charles Carroll, a Delegate returned for Anne-Arundel County, attended on his Excellency the Governor to acquaint him therewith.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; and Col. Robert Jenckins Henry, of the Upper House, and Mr. John Ross, Clerk of the Council, came into the Stadt-House, in whose Presence the aforesaid Delegates took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test.

Col. Benjamin Tasker, and Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of this House, That the Governor requires their Attendance in the Upper House.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House. His Excellency required them to return to the Lower House, and choose a Speaker. They returned and unanimously made Choice of Colonel Henry Hooper, a Delegate of Dorchester County, to be their Speaker, and placed him in the Chair.

Mr. Robert Lloyd and Dr. George Steuart are sent to acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath made Choice of a Speaker.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; and Col. Robert Jenckins Henry, from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of this House, That the Governor requires their Attendance in the Upper House, to present their Speaker.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House, and presented to the Governor, Colonel Henry Hooper as their Speaker. His Excellency gave his Approbation of their Choice, and made the following Speech, viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

It having been represented to me, that the Money which was Granted by the last Assembly, for the Support of the Troops that have been Raised for the Defence of this Province, is almost expended, I have thereupon called you together, that you may make farther Provision for their Support: And that you may have also an Opportunity to provide for the Reception of such of his Majesty's Regular Forces as shall be ordered hither for Winter Quarters. These Matters the Duty of my Station obliges me to recommend in