

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
May 24

For Worcester County

M.^r William Allen
M.^r Zadock Purnel
M.^r Joseph Dashiell

For Frederick County

M.^r Thomas Cresap
M.^r Thomas Jennings
M.^r William Lockett

A sufficient number of delegates to compose a lower house of assembly being convened at the stadthouse M.^r Brice T. B. Worthington, and M.^r James Hollyday attended on his Excellency the governor to acquaint him therewith

John Ridout and Walter Dulany esquires from the upper house, and M.^r Upton Scott clerk of the council, came into the stadthouse in whose presence the aforesaid delegates took the several oaths to the government required by law, subscribed the oath of abjuration, repeated and signed the test

Benedict Calvert and John Ridout esquires 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 chuse a speaker. They returned and unanimously made choice of Robert Lloyd esquire; a delegate returned for Queen Anns county to be their speaker, and placed him in the chair. M.^r Thomas Ringgold and M.^r James Hollyday, were sent to acquaint the governor that this house hath made choice of a speaker

Benedict Calvert and Daniel Dulany esquires 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 Robert Lloyd esquire; as their speaker. His excellency approved their choice and made the following speech
Gentlemen of the upper and lower houses of assembly

Since the last session of assembly, I have received letters from Sir William Johnson his Majestys superintendant of indian affairs in this district of North America relative to a representation which had been made to him on behalf of the Maryland indians, some of whom are, it seems desirous to remove to Otsiningo, and to be incorporated with the six nations, if they may be permitted to dispose of the lands which by the legislature of this province were heretofore appropriated to the use of those peoples ancestors

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Together with Sir Williams letters I shall communicate to you a petition that hath been presented to me by several of those indians, also the fullest information I have been able to get concerning their number and the lands they occupy or claim, so that you maybe the better able to judge what compensation it will be reasonable to give