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R. GHISELIN.

ANNE-ARUNDEL I HEREBY certify, that on the 13th Day of October, 1773, came Benjamin Ford before me the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace of the said County, and took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and took the following Oath, viz. "I Benjamin Ford do swear, that I will true Entries make of all such Matters and Things as shall be to me directed by any Committee of the Lower House of Assembly for whom I shall act as Clerk, and that I will not divulge the Secrets of the said House or of any Committee thereof, but will in all Things well and truly demean myself according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge. So help me GOD."

R. GHISELIN.

*The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock*

POST MERIDIEM.

The House met.

Mr. Lloyd brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Address to his Excellency.

TO his EXCELLENCY ROBERT EDEN, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province 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 general Assembly convened, return your Excellency Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session. The different Topicks which your Excellency has been pleased to recommend to our Notice are of Consequence and require a very deliberate Consideration, but matters of an important Nature, more immediately affecting the Welfare of the Province demand a previous Attention.

This Season of the Year being the most convenient to our private Affairs we shall cheerfully proceed now in a general Course of Business.

We are extremely happy in your Excellency's Assurance, that it will give you great Pleasure to co-operate with us in ordaining such