

[p 3] Tuesday 30th. November 1784

The Council met.

Present His Excellency William Paca Esquire Governor.

The Honorable Charles Wallace, Aquila Paca and John Davidson Esquires.

Samuel Turbutt Wright Esquire, elected a Member of the Council attended and qualified before Allen Quynn Esquire one of the Justices of Anne Arundel County, by making repeating, and subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion, and taking, repeating, and subscribing the Several Oaths required by the Constitution and Form of Government and the Laws of this State. Certificate thereof filed.

The following address was Sent to the Marquis De la Fayette.

Annapolis 30th. November 1784  
In Council

Sir,

We the Governor, and Council of Maryland beg leave with the most entire Respect, and Heart felt Satisfaction to embrace this first opportunity of your Presence in the Metropolis of this State, Since the Establishment of our Peace to offer You our warmest Congratulations, and to express our high and grateful Sense of the illustrious Share which you bore in the accomplishment of that happy Event!

The early and decided Part, which you took in the Cause of American *Liberty* and *Glory*, your generous Services for us in the Court of your August Monarch, our great and good *Ally*, and your wise and magnanimous Conduct in the Field upon many of the most Arduous Occasions of the War, have endeared your name to *America*, and enrolled it high in the List of *Patriots* and *Heroes* the Supporters of her *Liberty* and Founders of her *Empire!*

May, Sir, your future Days be as great and Honourable as the past; and may Heaven take under its peculiar Care and Protection a Life so eminently distinguished for its Attachment and Devotion to the *Rights* and *Liberties* of Mankind.

With every Sentiment of Regard and Respect

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

Wm. Paca

To the Honorable the Marquis De la Fayette.

To which the Marquis returned the following Answer [p 4]  
To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council of the State of Maryland.

Sir,

In the polite attention of your Excellency and Council I find myself