

Mr. Tyler, Colonel Ward, Col. Marshall,  
and Mr. Hill came and acquainted his Excellency  
the Governor, that there were sufficient Number  
of Members met to make up their House. Whereupon  
his Excellency sent the Honble. Thomas Crooke  
Esq. and Colonel William Courson to require their  
Attendance in the Council Chamber. Whereupon  
about forty of the Members of the Lower House  
came and attended his Excellency in Council,  
whom his Excellency directed to repair to their  
House and choose their Speaker. In order whereunto  
they withdrew and repaired to their House.

And Colonel Hopkins and Mr. God came and  
acquainted his Excellency that the House had  
chosen their Speaker.

His Excellency immediately sent of Honble.  
Col. Samuel Young & Col. Thomas Addison  
to require them to present him for their approbation.

Whereupon the Members of the Lower  
House came and presented the Honble. Colonel  
Matthew Tilghman Ward as their Speaker,  
who had endeavored to disable himself, but was  
notwithstanding well approved of by his Excellency,  
who expressed himself extremely satisfied,  
as believing it was the unanimous choice of the House.

After this Col. Ward prayed his Excellency  
that their Privileges might be preserved and  
he have access to his person on all urgent Occa-  
sions.

Which his Excellency was pleased to grant.