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The Honourable Robert H. Archer, Councillor elect, appeared in the Council Room and qualified as such, agreeably to the Constitution and Laws of this State, before Thomas H. Bassett Esquire, Recorder of the City of Annapolis, by taking, repeating and subscribing the several Oaths, and the declaration prescribed for that purpose, as also by taking the Oath to support the Constitution of the United States.

Ordered, that the following Resolution be published twice a week, until the 18th day of March, in The Maryland Republican and Maryland Gazette at Annapolis; The Patriot, American and Federal Gazette, at Baltimore; The Examiner and Herald at Frederick Town; Greaves and Herberts Paper at Hagers Town; The Allegany Paper; The Bond of Union at Belle Air; Bingham's Paper in Montgomery County; The Eastern Star and Eastern Gazette and the National Intelligencer.

Whereas The Governor in his communication, hath recommended that a day should be observed throughout the State, for the purpose of humiliation and Prayer, in which our Citizens may collectively entreat the Divine Being, who has promised, "that he will be entreated of his people," to stay his chastening hand, and to avert from our suffering population, the blessings he hath withheld, and make us who are spared, more deserving his Fatherly care, than we have hitherto been: Therefore, Be it Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the 18th day of March next, be set apart and recommended to the people