

& all other Officers whatsoever attending the Upper House of Assembly

I, A. B. do Swear that I will keep Secret all things that shall be debated in Council or in the Assembly, & that I will never disclose the same without leave of his Lordship or his Heirs or his or their Lieutenant for the time being so help me God &c.

Then were sworn John Gittings Daniel Jenifer & Mathys Casoy

Then was sworn Marmaduke Simme Doure Keeper to the Upper House.

The House is Adjourned for an Hour

The House met again

Then was taken into Consideration a certain paper Endorsed To the worshipful the Burgesses of this present Assembly held for Maryland, The Declaration of several the Inhabitants of Ann Arundel County, which bearing no date nor being subscribed by any person whatsoever Was put to the Vote whether it were a Libell yea or no. Voted by the House that it is a Libell containing scandalous & seditious Expressions, tending to the utter Subversion & overthrow of the Legislative power of this Province residing in the Lord Proprietary & both Houses of Assembly, & that it be sent to the Lower House who are desired to join with this House in the searching out & censuring the author.

Ordered that the next thing which is to be taken into Consideration be the acts of the last Assembly

Upon reading the act empowering the Governour & Council to raise forces & maintain a War without the Province & to aid the Squahannah Indians made the last Assembly & now Expired It was put to the Question whether it were fitt to move the Lower House to consent to an act empowering the Governour & Council to raise Forces & maintain a War without the Province for some determinate Time by both Houses to be agreed upon

Voted unanimously that the Lower House be moved to join with the Upper House in making such an Act

Upon reading the Act for Encouragement of such Soldiers as shall adventure in the defence of the Country. Voted that the Lieutenant General be desired to confirm that Act in his Lordships Name

Then was read the Act for reviving certain Law within this Province & in that was read the Act therein contained Entituled an Act for the Gauge of Tob: &c. Voted that that Act concerning the Tob: &c. be revived & also the Act concerning the killing of Wolves

An Act prohibiting Ground Leases & Seconda revised

An Act concerning Register of Births Marriages & Burials revised

Then was read an Act concerning Servants that have Bastards

Ordered that there be a new Act made concerning Servants that have Bastards the old one being insufficient It not punishing both Parties.