

Journal
of the
Lower House of Assembly October 2^o Sessions, 1683 & 84.

Began and holden att the Ridge in the Ann Arundell County on the second day of October in the Eight Year of the Dominion of the Right Honble Charles Calvert Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Marylande and of the Lord Baron of Baltimore.
Annoque Domini 1683.

Tuesday October the 2^o 1683.

The House mett and called over, and the Members all present except Maj^r Joseph Weches and Mr Henry Hosier delegates for Kent County and Mr Henry Johnstone and Mr Miles Gibbon Delegates for alternate County.

Mr Speaker and the Members of this House were by a Message summoned before his Lop. in the Upper House: where his Lordsp. set forth in a Speech to both his Houses the great good and benefit, and the many advantages that might accrue to this Province by erecting Townes, ports, and places of Trade within the same, as also the bringing in of Money into this Province. And desires both his Houses to consider of the best way and means to doe the same; his Lordsp. assuring both houses that there shall be nothing wanting in him to encourage and further the same which his two Houses can reasonably desire for the good and benefit of his Lordsp. good people. And doe desire the Lower House to returne to their owne and seriously Debate and Consider of the same as the business of this assembly.

The Lower House returne and make choice of the great roome at the Larkeins commonly called the Court roome; to sitt in for this meeting of assembly.

Where Mr Speaker having taken the Chair, Charles Boteler produced a patent under the Seper Seale of this Province signed by the Right Honble the Lord Proprietary for the Clerkship of the Lower House of Assembly which being read was admitted by this House.

Then was Joseph Norwood admitted Doerkeeper of the Lower House.

The House Adjournes till to Morrow Morning Nine a Clock
Wednesday October the third 1683.

The House Called and all present as Yesterday.

Mr Henry Hosier comes into the house and desires to be excused for not coming yesterday he also says that Maj^r Weches the other Delegate for Kent County is very sick and not in a condition to attend this house.