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Major William Barton one of the Delegates of Prince Georges County sending his excuse by his brethren the delegates of ^{the} County that he could not attend the house by reason of his great sickness - is excused.

His Majesty's most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, read. Committee of Elections and Privileges sent out.

The petition of James Baker door keeper to the house - wherein he desires some small fee may be settled upon him for all petitions & papers do to the house, being read is rejected. Yet the house considering his extraordinary diligence do resolve to allow him once every year 400 ^l more than what has been usually allowed him in lieu thereof.

House adjourned till 12 of the clock.

post, Mercedem - House met.

Mr. William Taylor appears in the house as a Burgess of St. Mary's City. Mr. Tho. Hicks and Mr. Walter Campbell and Mr. Jacob Lockerman appear as Delegates of Dorchester County.

Mr. Edwards Lloyd sent with them to His Majesty's honorable Council to have them sworn, who returns with them and Reports that he saw the usual Oaths administered unto them and also saw them subscribe the Test.

Major John Hamonds Chairman of the Committee of Elections and Privileges presents the following Report viz.

March 11th Anno Dni 1097

We the Committee appointed for inspecting into Elections and Privileges do make Report that St. Marys, Kent, Ann Arundell, Calvert, Charles, Cecil, Dorchester, Prince Georges and Talbot County do appear to us to be duly elected and chosen.

As to Baltimore County we find only two Ind^{ts} returned which we do conceive to be contrary to the Tenor of the writt offer them to the Consideration of the house.

We have not as yet received the returns of the City of St. Marys and Somerset County.

John Hamonds, Chairman.

The Indentures of the Return of the Election of the delegates of Baltimore County falling under the Consideration of this House the same appear to be some what insufficient yet several persons who subscribed the Indentures and were present at the said Election being now in Town and ready to Testify upon their Oaths to the legality thereof.

Resolved by the house that the ^{Ind^{ts}} the Council be desired to examine them and to certify the depositions therein to this house.

Whereupon the following Message is sent to his Honor by the Gent. appearing here for Baltimore County:

By the house of Delegates March 11th 1097.