

A Journall of the House of Delegates Begun the  
Eighth Day of May in the 13<sup>th</sup> Year of the Reigne of our Sovereign  
Lord King William the third &c. by the Grace of Gods of England,  
Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.  
Anno Dom 1701.

### Maryland<sup>s</sup>.

The House of Assembly Called by Writte of this  
May<sup>th</sup> writt of Election Issued out of the High Court of Chancery  
bearing date the      day of      in the year of our Lord 1700:  
and Directed to the City of St. Marys and the Severall and Respective  
countys of this Province commanding them to Make Choice of  
two good Sufficient Men to Serve for the said City and four for each  
Respective County to serve as Deputys and Delegates for the said City,  
and each Respective County afo<sup>re</sup> to be and personally appear at the  
Toune of Annapolis upon the Eighth day of May afo<sup>re</sup> where being Writt  
at the Stat house in Annapolis his Exc<sup>ty</sup> Nathaniell Blakiston Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Gov<sup>r</sup> of this Province by Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Bladen Commanded them attendance  
upon his Exc<sup>ty</sup> and Councill at the Councill Chamber in the Schoole  
house in the Toune afo<sup>re</sup> where the said Deputys and Delegates of  
the said City and Countys there appeared took the severall Oaths  
appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and  
Supremacy and likewise the test and association were subscribed by  
the said severall and Respective Delegates only Mr. James Roundlee  
and Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup> Emmalls not yett appeared.

And Thereupon his Exc<sup>ty</sup> Commanded them to repair to their House  
again and Chose their Speakers.

The House returned to the State House again.

Whereupon the Delegates of this House proceed to Make Choice  
of their Speaker, and by Majority of voices the House made Choice  
of Lew<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Smithson for their Speaker and placed him  
in the Chair accordingly.

The Speaker with the rest of the Members of the House went  
up to the Councill Chamber where they presented their Speaker to  
his Exc<sup>ty</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> who approved of the Choice for which the Members