

Maryland

At A Session of Assembly begun and hold at the City of Annapolis in Ann Arundel County on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of September in the Seventh year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lady Anne Queen of Great Britain France and Ireland and the Dominions and Territorys thersunto belonging, by vertus of her Majesty's writts of Election directed to the Severall and respective Sheriffs of severall County's requiring them to summe and call together the Freeholders and Inhabitants of each County and to Elect and Choose four Deputys and Delegates to serve as representatives for their severall County's and to the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis and S<sup>t</sup>. Mary's to Elect and choose two Citizens to serve for each City in this present Generall Assembly, Which said writts bore date 26<sup>th</sup> Day of August last past returnable to this Day, At which time were assembled in the Stadt House severall Members, Who having acquainted his Excellency the Gov. of their meeting, were by him sent for to the Council Chamber whereupon they withdrew and his Excellency Comands them to make returns to thiers House and make choice of their Speaker and present him

Whereupon they returned and elected and chose, (set Thomas Smithson to be their Speaker and place him in the Chair and then goe and present him accordingly, to his Excellency for his Approbation who acquaints them that he Approoves of their choice and will him to take upon him the same; then M<sup>r</sup>. Speaker on behalfs of the House desired his Excellency that the Libertys and priviledges of the House might be ratified and allowed by his Excellency, and that he may have free access to his Excellency's person on all occasions requiring the same

Which his Excellency was pleased to assure him of for which M<sup>r</sup>. Speaker in the Name of the whole House returned his Excellency their hearty thanks

After which his Excellency was pleased to signify to the House the reason of their being now called together by bespeaking them as follows  
M<sup>r</sup>. Speaker and you Gent<sup>l</sup>. Delegates

I can not believe but every person here present is well satisfied, my consideration of the many severall difficultys the poor Province labour under was the only true reason I did not call an Assembly sooner being desirous to demonstrate to you Gent<sup>l</sup>. and our friends in Europe, I endeavourd to be as carefull a Steward of the Country, as I have