

The House met according to Appointment were ordered to be called over and there appeared as followeth

Saint Marys No Member	Charles County	Mr. Hugh Beelston
Hert County	Colo James Smallwood	Maj. Roger Wolford
Mr. William Crosby	Mr. William Stone	Mr. Jos. Cornalls
Mr. Thomas Courington	Mr. John Beale	Mr. John Hudson
Mr. Daniel Currie	Captain William Herbert	Coast County
Ad County	Baltimore County	Mr. John Ward
Mr. Joseph Hill	Mr. Richard Jolegate	Mr. Matthias Vandenberg
Captain Richard Jones	Colo James Mawole	Prince Georges County
Colo Charles Greenberry	Mr. James Philips	Mr. Robert Bradley
Mr. Dan. Mariotto	Mr. William Pickett	Mr. Robert Tyler
City of Annapolis	Talbot County	Mr. John Bradford
William Bladen Esq	Colo Tho. Smithson, Speaker	Queen Anns County
Wornell Hunt Esq	Colo. Nicholas Lowe	Mr. John Batten
Calvert County	Mr. Thomas Roberts	Mr. John Whittington
Mr. Nathaniel Dure	Mr. Robert Anglo	Mr. Solomon Wright
Mr. Robert Skinner	So. County	Mr. Philemon Hemphrey
Captain Machall	Capt. John West	
Colo. Walter Smith	Maj. George Gale	
	Mr. Sam. Worthington	
	Capt. John Franklin	

Captain Jones brought into the House the Petition of Henry Roberts  
Mr. Speaker brings into the House the Address to her Majesty Which the House approves and ordered to be entered as follows

The humble Address of the Delegates and Representatives of the several and respective Counties of the Province of Maryland now sitting in a General Assembly sheweth to your Majesty, That his Excellency, John Seymour Esquire our present Governor hath given us to understand your Majestys Disassent to two Bills one about the Gauge of Tobacco Hogshoads and the other against the Cropper and dofaung Tobacco which we believe your Majesty would not have denied your Royal Assent if any had appeared for us to have made your Majesty sensible of the Reasonableness of the said Bills. And first we humbly beg Leave to lay before your Majesty the true State of the Trade of this Province as it is at present and hath been the late Wars and this. And so it is that the Merchants living at London, most usually during the Wars, adventure on their own Account little or nothing most great Ships being either owned or hired by them being not one Penny worth of Goods to barter or purchase Tobacco but come only on Freight to which they have great Encouragement by their Artificers in raising it to an extravagant Freight. But the Tobacco that loads and employs so many large and defensible Ships pays such vast Sums to your Majestys Treasury and purchases such abundance of Goods and Manufactures of Great Britain is the proper Tobacco of the Planters Merchants and Inhabitants of this Province and at their proper Risque and Charge sent to London and the Duties thereof <sup>in great measure</sup> paid with the proper Monies of such as are pretty well acquainted and can leave Money in London Merchants Hands who act as our Agents and Factors and thereby with little or no Hazard most certainly