

By the Committee of Elections and Privileges October 4th 1714
 We find Mr. John Hammond upon due Examination to be duly elected a Member for
 Ann Arundel County but the Sheriff hath not sent the writ according to the Tenor thereof
 Signed of Order Jo. Beale

By the Committee of Elections and Privileges October 4th 1714
 We find Mr. William Blay upon due Examination to be duly elected a Member
 for Kent County according to Law. Signed of Order Jo. Beale
 Mr. Thomas Brookes Junr. a Member for Prince Georges County appeared this
 Day in the House.

Col. Hoshins and Major Walter Storey are sent along with Mr. Phelps Naval
 Officer of Potowmack to see him prove his Accounts.

They return and say they see him prove his Accounts.

Mr. Samuel Worthington from the Committee of Laws delivers Mr. Speaker an
 Answer prepared to his Excellency's Speech which being read was approved of by
 the House and ordered to be entered as follows.

By the House of Delegates October 4th 1714
 May it please your Excellency

We the Delegates of this Province now assembled
 beg leave to return your Excellency our unfeigned Thanks for your most favourable Speech
 The valuable Proposals therein made (being of such concern to the Province in
 General) cannot but make a deep Impression upon all who value or regard the
 Welfare of it. As an Instance of our ready Obedience to her Majesty's Commands
 and your Excellency's Request we shall apply ourselves with our utmost Diligence in the
 Examination of the Laws of the Province in Order to the Amendment of such
 as shall want it in the most expeditious Manner and with as little Expence as
 possible. — The Encouragement of Schools for the Propagation of Learning
 the Advancement of the Tobacco Trade and the ascertaining the Bounds of Land
 are Things of such Consequence to this Province and so earnestly recommended by
 your Excellency that we think ourselves under a double Obligation of proceeding to
 consider and debate them in the Manner proposed by your Excellency. We hope that in
 those and all other particulars we shall sincerely endeavour to perform our Duty
 to God, and take to acquit ourselves as dutiful and loyal Subjects to our Sovereign
 as a grateful People to your Excellency and faithful Servants to our Country.

Signed of Order Tho. Mainwaring C. Secy