

Whereupon Mr. Tyler, Mr. Ainsby and Col. Matthew Tilghman were sent up to the Council Chamber to acquaint his City the Gov^r that a sufficient Number of Members to make a House is convened. They return and say they acquainted his Excellency therof. Col. Holland, Col. Luray and Col. Samuel Young from the Honble Council and W^m Gladden Esq^r Clerk of the Council enter the House, and the said Councillors and Clerk administered the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy and Abjuration to all the said Members and then severally subscribe the said Oath of Abjuration and the Test and then withdraw. Col. Addison from the Honble Council acquainted the Members convened that his City requires their Attendance immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House accordingly went to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber where his Excellency commanded them immediately to make choice of their Speaker and come and present him. After which the said Members returned and there unanimously made choice of Robert Single Esq^r a Member returned for Talbot County for their Speaker, who in his place disabled himself to undergo so weighty a charge and earnestly desired them to proceed to a new choice which being done and he placed in the Chair, then he prayed they might give him leave to disable himself to his Excellency. After which Mr. Garrett Mr. Bordley and Mr. Tashor are sent to acquaint his Excellency that the Delegates have made choice of their Speaker and to know when his Excellency will have him presented for Approbation.

Whereupon Col. Holland from his City the Gov^r acquaints the Delegates that his City commands them immediately to present their Speaker before him in the Council Chamber. Whereupon the House repaired to the Council Chamber and presented Robert Single Esq^r for their Speaker to his City the Gov^r where the said Mr. Speaker decently and submissively addressing himself to his Excellency offered several Reasons disabling him from serving in that station, and therefore made humble Suit to his Excellency to be discharged and that his City ^{would} be pleased to command the Delegates to make choice of an other Person —

Which Cause his Excellency would no ways admit of, being well satisfied of the Skill and Knowledge of the said Robert Single in the publick Affairs of the Province and required him in the things Name to accept of the Place.

After which Mr. Speaker in the Name of the whole House of Delegates humbly desired his Excellency on his Majestys Behalf that the Delegates of this Assembly may have the Freedom of Speech as of Right and by custom they have used and all their ancient and just Privileges and Liberties etc.