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be half, requires Mr Speaker and the whole House to attend him in the  
upper House ~

Thereupon Mr Speaker with the whole House went to the House  
where His Hon: the Chanceller (on His Lordships and His Hon: the Governour  
behalf) delivered the following speech viz:

Gent: His Hon: the Governour being sick has directed me  
to communicate to you what follows, which you are to take as from  
his own mouth ~

Gent. of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly  
I have since my arrival had an opportunity to lay before my  
Lord Proprietaries Council the reasons that induced him to send me  
hither - And I am commanded to deliver the same also to you thus  
conjoined in their Lordships my Lord Guilford's and my Lord Baltimore's  
own words viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly  
Baltimore { We take this opportunity by the mouth of our well  
Guilford { beloved Charles Calvert our Cousin and Lieut: to acquaint  
you with the reasons which have move us to place him over you. His life =  
proved loyalty and his faithful service to our Dear Sovereign King George =

The many observations which (during his Friendship with us) we  
have of his kind wishes and hearty Endeavours as much as in him Occas-  
= ally lay to make the interest of the Province and Proprietary one without  
either extending our prerogative, or lessening your privileges which  
(now we have put power into his hands) we doubt not but he will:  
and we strictly command him punctually to ballance ~

We cannot omit Gentlemen, on this occasion to disapprove the late hasty  
proceedings of Thomas Brooke Esq: tho' we have reason to believe he intended  
nothing more to our and your service thereby; and very much condemn your  
malicious reports and insinuations of those who have Endeavoured to disturb  
the minds of the good people of Maryland by suggesting that we had sent a  
private Commission to the said Thomas Brooke to take upon him the Government  
during the residence of our late Lieutenant John Hart Esq: a method we scorn  
to rule by and which has induced us to change our design of administering  
the Government by the person first named in our Council and place it as we  
have done till such time the affairs of your Lord and Proprietary will allow  
him to reside among you himself or he shall otherwise dispose thereof when  
he hopes to bury those seeds of Rancour and jealousy which have too long  
prevailed among the people and so to unite their hearts and minds that the  
misguided part of the Province deserting from our blessed Establishment, both  
in Church and State will peaceably and quietly submit to the known Laws  
by his mild yet due Execution of them ~

In the mean time tis our peculiar good fortune that His Majesties