

Col. *Hanson* and Mr. *Denton* Ordered to acquaint the Governor, a sufficient Number of Delegates returned to Serve in this Assembly, are Convened in the Stadt-House.

*Edmund Jennings*, Esq; and Col. *Charles Hammond*, from the Upper House, and Mr. *John Ross*, Clerk of the Council, came into the Stadt-House, in whose Presence the aforesaid Members took the Oaths of Allegiance, Abhorrence and Abjuration to his Majesty King GEORGE the Second, Repeated the Test, and Signed said Oaths and Test.

*Benjamin Tasker*, Esq; and *George Plater*, Esq; from the Upper House, informed the said Members, that the Governor required their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

They thereupon went; the Governor required them to return and make Choice of a Speaker.

They returned and unanimously made Choice of Col. *John Mackall* for their Speaker, and Placed him in the Chair.

Mr. *Walter Smith*, and Col. *Hanson*, Ordered to acquaint his Excellency this House hath made Choice of a Speaker.

Col. *Hammond*, from the Upper House, acquaints this House, his Excellency requires their Attendance in the Council Chamber to present their Speaker.

The Members of this House went to the Upper House and presented to his Excellency the Governor, Col. *John Mackall* a return'd Member for *Calvert* County, for their Speaker: His Excellency the Governor approved the Choice.

His Excellency made the following Speech:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly;

I Presume none of you can be ignorant of the Necessity I was under of Dissolving the last Assembly; The Misunderstanding betwixt the two Houses, having not only put an entire Stop to all Business, but even to the least Intercourse of Messages, the only Means of Accommodating the Affair without the Interposition of the Government.

The ill Effects of Heats and Animosities between the several Parts of the Legislature, have been so plainly manifested on this Occasion, that I flatter Myself we are now met together with a full Resolution to avoid them as much as possible.

For my own Part, I can very truly assure you, that no Man is come to this Assembly more sincerely desirous of the Welfare of the Province than Myself, or more willing to give a helping Hand to the Removal of every Obstacle to it's Happiness and Prosperity: But then it must be allowed that Temper and Moderation will be always necessary, to consider rightly