

Thursday Morning, June 11. 1741.

THE Members of the Lower House of Assembly, that were present Yesterday, except the Honourable Speaker, met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Denton* appeared this Day.

The following Letter from the Honourable Speaker was communicated to the present Members.

To the Honourable the House of Delegates for the Province of Maryland.

Gentlemen,

THE Indisposition of my Son increasing, I am under the Necessity of withdrawing myself from the Service of the Publick.

My Attendance the whole Sessions hath been very Fatiguing, but that I would still have chearfully undergone, could it be any longer done with Safety: And I assure you that nothing less than the present melancholly Occasion, where the Life of my Child is so nearly concerned, should have induced me to it.

As your Regard and Indulgence to me hath been very particular upon many Occasions, for which I now make my last Acknowledgements, so I have no doubt of finding your favourable Excuse in this my Case of Necessity; And it is therefore that I presume humbly to intreat you to proceed to the Choice of another Speaker, in the Place of him, who is,

Your Honours,

Thursday Morning.

Most Obedient Servant,

PHI. HAMMOND.

Col. *Hanson* and Maj. *Sprigg* went to acquaint the Governor that Mr. Speaker could not attend the Publick Service.

Col. *Hammond* from the Upper House, acquaints the Members of this House, the Governor requires their Attendance immediately in the Upper House.

The Gentlemen of the Lower House went to attend his Excellency, who desired them to return to their House and make Choice of a Speaker.

They return and unanimously make Choice of Col. *Robert King* to be their Speaker, and placed him in the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* and Col. *Hanson*, sent to acquaint the Governor, this House hath made Choice of a Speaker.

James Hollyday, Esq; from the Upper House acquaints the Members of this House, that the Governor desires them to Present their Speaker: Thereupon the Gentlemen of the Lower House went to the Upper House, and Presented to the Governor, Col. *Robert King* as their Speaker.

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