

A sufficient Number of Members to compose a Lower House of Assembly, being met at the Stadt-house, Colonel *Sprigg* and Dr. *Carroll* were desired to acquaint his Excellency therewith.

George Plater and *James Hollyday*, Esqrs. of the Upper House, and Mr. *John Ross*, Clerk, came into the Stadt-house, in whose Presence the Members aforesaid took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test.

Benjamin Tasker and *Edmund Jenings*, Esqrs. from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of this House, that the Governor required their Attendance in the Upper House.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House, his Excellency required them to return and make choice of a Speaker: The Members of the Lower House returned, and unanimously made choice of Colonel *Edward Sprigg*, a Representative of *Prince George's* County, to be their Speaker, and placed him in the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr *Calder* and Colonel *Colwill* acquaint his Excellency this House hath made choice of a Speaker.

Philip Lee, Esq; and Colonel *Charles Hammond*, from the Upper House, acquaint this House, that the Governor requires their Attendance in the Upper House, to present their Speaker.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House, and presented to the Governor, for their Speaker, Col. *Edward Sprigg*; his Excellency approved the Choice, then acquainted Mr. Speaker and the rest of the Members, he had a Speech from Lord *Baltimore*, to both Houses of Assembly, which he had ordered the Clerk of the Council to read.

His Lordship's Speech to both Houses of Assembly of the Province of Maryland.

BALTIMORE.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

THE Happiness of the Province of *Maryland* has always been the chief Object of my Attention, and I can with great Sincerity affirm, that I have omitted no Opportunity of testifying my Zeal to promote it, having ever been in my Situation here, attentive to the Advancement of Trade in general, and particularly in that Branch in which you are more nearly concerned; and that nothing can give me a more sensible Pleasure, than to be able any Way to contribute to the Welfare and Prosperity of His Majesty's Subjects in *Maryland*.

It is great Satisfaction to me, that His Majesty has been graciously pleased