

doubt, but Justice, and the Pre-eminency of the Laws are so well known in *Maryland*, that it gives me an infinite Satisfaction to see the great Increase of his Majesty's Subjects in *Maryland* within these Ten Years.

As for any Person or Persons presuming to represent his Majesty's faithful Subjects of *Maryland*, and my good Tenants, as a factious, clamorous People, or as Disaffected to his Majesty, or ill-disposed to me, you may be assur'd they have and will meet with that Discountenance they deserve; and as you have lately given Testimony of your sincere Attachment to his Majesty's Person and Government, and are so kind as to assure me, that you never had it in your thoughts to abridge me in any of my Rights, I may with great Truth likewise affirm, that the Laws have and shall be my only Guide.

I am glad you seem to have so favourable an impression of your Governor, who I am convinc'd will make your Happiness his sole Care.

Given at London, this 12th Day of August 1743.

By his Lordship's Command, *JOHN BROWNING, Secretary.*

And also the Instructions from the Lords Justices.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith*, and Col. *King*, in the Committee of Laws in preparing an Address to his Majesty. Ordered also, That they, in the said Committee in preparing an Answer to the Governor's Speech.

Mr. *Magruder* from the Committee of Aggrievances, &c. acquaints Mr. Speaker, that Committee had made Choice of Mr. *Edward Darsley* for Clerk; The House approves the Choice, and Ordered that he Qualify himself.

Maj. *Henry Hall*, Justice of the Peace for *Anne-Arundel County*, acquaints Mr. Speaker, that Mr. *Darsley* qualified himself by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, that he repeated the Test, and signed the Oath of Abjuration and Test, and took the Oath of Office.

Col. *King*, from the Committee of Accounts, acquaints Mr. Speaker, that Mr. *Richard Darsley*, their former Clerk, is in an ill state of Health, and that Mr. *Rickard Burke* hath offered his Service to officiate for him until he shall be able to attend; The House accepts the offer, and Ordered that Mr. *Rickard Burke* Qualify himself.

*Wm. Stoughton*, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, acquaints Mr. Speaker, that Committee had made Choice of Mr. *Wilham Marshe* to be their Clerk; The House approves the Choice, and Ordered that Mr. *Marshe* Qualify himself.

Major *Henry Hall* acquaints Mr. Speaker, that Mr. *Burke* and Mr. *Marshe* had qualified themselves, by taking the several Oaths to the Government, required by Law, by repeating the Test, by signing the Oath of Abjuration and Test, and by taking respectively the Oath of Office.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, May 2, 1744.

May it please your Honours,

THIS House hath appointed Col. *Colwill*, Capt. *Sberedine*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Weems*, and Mr. *Philip Hammond*, to join any Member