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Col. Hammond, and Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that his Honour the President requires the Attendance of the Lower House of Assembly in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (attended by the Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House; where the President made the following Speech:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

THE Administration of this Government devolving upon me, by the Death of our late Governor, obliges me to call you together, that we may consider what Laws are near expiring, and which of them it is the Interest of the Country to continue longer. Altho' I am conscious that my own Abilities are much inferior to those of the worthy Gentleman we have lost, yet as I am under all the Ties of Nature and Interest to promote the Happiness of *Maryland*, as far as I possibly can, so I flatter myself, that with your Advice and Concurrence (upon which I shall always rely), we shall be able, in good Measure, to avert the ill Consequence of the great Loss we have lately sustained; and I know no better Means to crown our Endeavours for that desirable End with Success, than Unanimity and Harmony among ourselves, in carrying on the Public Business with Dispatch, and with as little Expence to the Country as possible.

Mr. Speaker (attended by the Members) returned to the Lower House, and re-assumed the Chair.

Mr. Richard Gresham and *Mr. William Rafn*, two Delegates returned to serve in this Assembly for *Kent County*; *Mr. William Govans*, *Mr. Thomas Franklin*, and *Mr. Lloyd Buchanan*, three of the Delegates returned to serve in this Assembly for *Baltimore County*; appeared in the House: *Ordered*, That *Capt. Williamson* and *Mr. Pearce* do go with those Gentlemen to the Upper House, to see them there qualified. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker that they were qualified by taking the Oaths to the Government in the usual Manner.

The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House.

The House continues the Gentlemen, that were on the several Committees 1st Session, on the same Committees this Session.

Ordered, That the Rules of last Session be observed as such this Session.

Resolved, That the Hours of Sitting for Dispatch of Public Business be from 9 of the Clock in the Forenoon until 12, and from 2 of the Clock Afternoon until 6.

On motion that an Address be prepared to his Honour the President, requesting him to direct to be laid before this House, the Authority whereby the executive Power of the Government hath devolved upon him: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That *Mr. Worthington* do acquaint the Rev. *Mr. Malcolm*, that he is desired by this House to read daily Divine Service, Morning and Evening, during this Session.

On motion, *Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant, directed to the Secretary of this Province, to make out a new Writ of Election, directed to

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