

A sufficient Number of Delegates, to compose a Lower House of Assembly, being convened at the Stadt-House, Mr. *Walter Dulany*, a Delegate returned to serve in this Assembly for the City of *Annapolis*; and Mr. *Charles Carroll*, a Delegate returned for *Anne-Brundel* County, attended on his Excellency the Governor to acquaint him therewith.

*Benedict Calvert*, Esq; and Col. *Robert Jenkins Henry*, of the Upper House, and Mr. *John Ross*, Clerk of the Council, came into the Stadt-House, in whose Presence the aforesaid Delegates took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test.

Col. *Benjamin Tasker*, and *Daniel Dulany*, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of this House, That the Governor requires their Attendance in the Upper House.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House. His Excellency required them to return to the Lower House, and choose a Speaker. They returned and unanimously made Choice of Colonel HENRY HOOPER, a Delegate of *Dorchester* County, to be their Speaker, and placed him in the Chair.

Mr. *Robert Light* and Dr. *Stewart* are sent to acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath made Choice of a Speaker.

*Benedict Calvert*, Esq; and Col. *Robert Jenkins Henry*, from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of 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, Colonel HENRY HOOPER as their Speaker. His Excellency gave his Approbation of their Choice, and made the following SPEECH, *viz.*

“ GENTLEMEN of the Upper and Lower Houses of ASSEMBLY,

“ I T having been represented to me, that the Money which was Granted by the last Assembly, for the Support of the Troops that have been Raised for the Defence of this Province, is almost expended, I have thereupon called you together, that you may make farther Provision for their Support: And that you may have also an Opportunity to provide for the Reception of such of his Majesty's Regular Forces as shall be ordered hither for Winter Quarters. These Matters the Duty of my Station obliges me to recommend in a particular Manner to your Consideration; but if you shall think fit, after they are dispatched, to proceed to other Business, you may be assured of my ready Assent to any Bills that you shall offer, whereby this Province might be Benefited, or the Security and Welfare of the People Promoted.”

Mr. Speaker (with the Rest of the Members) Returned to the Lower House, and Re-assumed the Chair.

The House proceeded to choose a Clerk, and made Choice of Mr *Michael Macnemara*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Murdock* and Capt. *Gassarway* do acquaint his Excellency with the Choice which this House made of a Clerk, and to desire his Approbation. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they delivered the Message, and that his Excellency signified his Approbation.

Ordered, That *Alexander Williamson*, Esq; and Mr. *Dulany*, do go with Mr. *Macnemara* to the Upper House, to see him Qualified as Clerk of this House. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they saw him take the several Oaths to the Government, sign the Oath of Abjuration, repeat and sign the Test, and take the following Oath of Office, *viz.*

YOU *Michael Macnemara* do swear, That as Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly, you shall true Entries make of all such Matters and Things, as, by the Honourable Speaker for the Time being and that House, shall be to you directed: The Secrets of the said House you shall not divulge, to the Prejudice of the House or any Member thereof; but shall in all Things, as Clerk to the said House, well and truly demean yourself according to the best of your Knowledge. So help you God.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech (a Copy of which having been delivered to Mr. Speaker) be Read, which was accordingly.

On Motion, Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency on his Speech; and that Colonel *Tilghman*, Mr. *Murdock*, Mr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Lloyd*, and Mr. *Edward Dorsey*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House appointed Capt. *Robert Saunders* Serjeant at Arms, and *Andrew Buchanan* Door-Keeper, to the Lower House of Assembly; and Ordered, That Dr. *Stewart* do administer to them the several Oaths to the Government, and the Oath of Office.

Dr. *Stewart* acquaints Mr. Speaker, That Capt. *Saunders* took the several Oaths to the Government, signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and took the following Oath, *viz.*

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