

A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose a Lower House of Assembly, being convened at the State House, Mr. Ringgold and Mr. John Hansen, Delegates for Kent and Charles Counties, attended on his Excellency to acquaint him therewith.

Richard Lee, and John Ridout, Esqrs. from the Upper House, and Dr. Upton Scott, Clerk of the Upper House, came in to the Lower House, before whom the aforesaid Delegates took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test.

Col. Hammond, and John Ridout, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of the Lower 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 chuse a Speaker. They returned, and unanimously made Choice of ROBERT LLOYD, Esq; a Delegate for Queen-Anne's County, to be their Speaker, and placed him in the Chair.

Mr. John Goldsbrough, and James Hollyday, Esq; were sent to acquaint his Excellency, That this House had made Choice of a Speaker.

Col. Hammond, and Richard Lee, Esq; 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, ROBERT LLOYD, Esq; 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,

“ HAVING Reason to think, it would be very agreeable to you, to be convened, as soon as the unlucky Cause, which made me decline meeting you last Spring, was removed, I have called you together before the Day to which the Assembly stood prorogued, hoping, that my doing so, will convince you of my Desire to gratify you, and afford you an Opportunity of promoting the true Interest of your Country.

“ You will, I presume, Gentlemen, during this Session, not only have the Paper Money that hath been paid into the Loan-Office, burnt agreeable to the Act, and the Books Balanced, but also, by paying off the Public Debt, bring into Circulation, at this Time when the Want of it is much felt, the Specie that is at present lock'd up in that Office, and such Money, as having been remitted to England, by Virtue of several Acts of Assembly, still remains there unappropriated.

“ I have not, for my Part, any Thing, Gentlemen, at this Time, to ask of you, and it would be unnecessary for me, to recommend to you, the Making such new Laws, as your own Experience teaches you the Province is in Want of, I shall therefore only say, that I most sincerely wish, all your Deliberations may tend to advance the Public Good, and that altho' you compose Two Houses, yet, since your Interest is the same, you may proceed with the greatest Harmony, and, as is your Duty, be unanimous in your Endeavours to promote the Welfare of your Country, which I also consider as my own”.

Mr. Speaker, (with the rest of the Members,) returned to the Lower House, and re-assumed the Chair.

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Clerk, and chose Mr. Michael Macnemara.

ORDERED, That Mr. John Goldsbrough, and Mr. Sulivane, do acquaint his Excellency with the Choice which this House hath made of a Clerk, and to desire his Approbation.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that they delivered the Message.

ORDERED, That Mr. J. Goldsbrough, and Mr. Sulivane, 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 the Clerk take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law; subscribe the Oath of Abjuration, repeat and sign the Test, and take the following Oath, 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.

The House appointed Mr. Robert Saunders, Serjeant at Arms, attending this House, and Mr. Cornelius Howard, Door-keeper, and ordered that they be Qualified in the usual Manner.

Mr. Henry Hall acquaints Mr. Speaker, That Capt. Robert Saunders, and Mr. Cornelius Howard, had taken the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and took the Oath of Office, viz.

YOU Robert Saunders, as Serjeant at Arms, attending the Lower House of Assembly, You Cornelius Howard, as Door-keeper to the Lower House of Assembly, do swear, That you will severally faithfully, diligently, and honestly discharge your Offices, as Serjeant at Arms, attending the Lower House of Assembly,