

brought in and it is highly necessary for the Dispatch of the c. c. Business and the Convenience of the Creditors of the Public, that you appoint a new Board as soon as well may be.

The House of Delegates

Friday 20th March 1778.

C. B.

Present on yesterday.

Richard Sprigg Esquire resigns his Office of Chancellor to this State by delivering the Seal to the Governor in Council and at the same Time declaring that he did by that Act of delivering the Seal resign his Office of Chancellor of this State which Resignation was accepted.

John Rogers Esquire is appointed Chancellor of this State and the Seal of this State thereupon delivered to him by the Governor in Council, Whereupon the said John Rogers qualified as Chancellor before the Governor by taking the several Oaths prescribed by the Constitution and Form of Government and subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion and also the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State and the Oath of Chancellor prescribed by the Act of Assembly.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Bennett Matthews one hundred Pounds for the use of the Galley Independence on Account.

Jonathan Johnson of Ann Arundel County and Benjamin Earle of Queen Anne's County took the Oath of Fidelity & Support to the State according to the late Act & Cert^a given.

Whereas an Order passed this Board on the 13th Day of this Instant month of March reciting amongst other things that no Affidavits or Proofs had been transmitted to this Board against the Rever^d John Patterson requiring the Sheriff of Baltimore County to discharge the said John Patterson from his Custody. And Whereas the said Order was founded on mistake William Bordley Esquire having transmitted to this Board the Evidence taken before him on Oath and also certified the sayings and Speeches of the said John Patterson before him. Wherefore it is ordered that the said former Order be suspended and that the Sheriff of Baltimore County discharge from his Custody the said John Patterson on his giving Bond to this State in the Penalty of one thousand Pounds with sufficient Security to be approved of as such by some Justice of the Peace for Baltimore County Conditioned for his the said John Patterson peaceably and quietly demeaning himself and for his not doing any matter or thing against this State or the Independency or Government thereof during the present War with Great Britain.