

P. R. O. Province, its the uniteing the People, the keeping men good and deterring them from Comitting rapines of all degrees upon each other; much may be said upon this subject which is not soe proper here and not being my tallent neither is it necessary where I am morrally assured those persons to whom I apply are soe well inclined and are soe good Judges of the fatall consequences would attend us in the loss of that good Law.

Gent I shall not here Enumerate what other Affaires we are to concert this Sessions of Assembly but will leave you to proceed in the usuall way of conferrence and message being ready to Joyne with you wherein we may promote his Maj^{ty} Service on which depends the good of this Province

fo. 5 Wch being ended his Ex^{ty} was Pleased to deliver to M^r Speaker a Cobby thereof And W^m Taylor haveing taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Abhorrency was thereupon admitted and Sworne Clk of this house at the Councill Board.

M^r Speaker and the house haveing taken their leaves returne to the house and M^r Speaker haveing taken the Chaire

It is ordered that the Clerk deliver Warr^{ts} for ye Writts of Election to the Hono^{ble} Secretary

It is desired by the house that M^r Speaker prepare an Answer to the Ex^{ty}s Speech ag^t to morrow morning

The house adjournes till to morrow morning 11 a Clock

Dies Saturnij 27 April 1700

The house mett againe and were p^rsent as before with the addicon of Capt Jn^o Worthington for Ann Arrundell County who made his appearance

M^r Speaker brings into the house the Answer to the Ex^{ty}s Speech w^{ch} was desired by him to be prepared & w^{ch} was read and followeth viz^t

May it Please yo^r Ex^{ty}

We have observed the progress of yo^r Ex^{ty}s Governm^t and Gratefully acknowledge yo^r sincere endeavors for the good of his Maj^{ty}s Leige people in this Province and without any Jealousys assure ourselves the Same for the future

fo. 6 We are extremely sattisfied to have yo^r Ex^{ty} acknowledge our Accōns in the last Sessions to have been to yo^r Sattisfaction: wee assure yo^r Ex^{ty} wee are come againe with the same candid and honest resolucōn inviolably to maintaine the same good agreement and right understanding which hath hitherto been betwixt us and confess have had Convinceing proofes of