

Lib. 41. Ordered Warrants issue for Election of three Members Viz. one for Baltimore County in the Room of Col^o Dorsey, one for Dorchester County in the Room of John Taylor one for Prince George's County in the Room of Major W. Barton.

M^r Joseph Hill & M^r James Hay ordered to attend the Honble Council to acquaint them the House is met according to Prorogation and are ready to receive his Excellency's Commands.

p. 48 Read in the House the Letter excusatory of M^r William Watts & his Excuse accepted of M^r Joseph Hill & M^r James Hay and say his Excellency will send his Message in Answ. forthwith.

Ordered M^r James Wootton attend the House for Prayers at Eight O'Clock in the morning and then the House sitt and in the Afternoon by Adjournment of the House and that Cap^t Richard Jones acquaint him therewith

The Honble John Hammond Esq^r from the Council enters the House & acquaints M^r Speaker that his Excy commands their Attendance at the Council Chamber The House adjourns to the Council Chamber where his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to them.

M^r Speaker and you Gentlemen Delegates,

Since our Meeting now is by her Majestys especial Command I do doubt not but the great good things so earnestly recommended to your serious Consideration for the Good & Welfare of this Province will be unanimously approved of and assented to by you it's Representatives that what her Sacred Majesty has so wisely and graciously concerted for your future Happiness and Grandeur may enrich y^r and succeeding Generations.

Gent. No Monarch that ever swayed the English Sceptre has had a more tender Regard for all her Subjects than her present Majesty and tho she has been engaged in a great chargeable war ever since her Accession to the Throne her Princely generous Endeavours have not been confined to Britain alone but an unwearied Tenderness is diffused over all her Majesty's Colonies & Plantations abroad aud more especially to us and our Neighboring Planters witness her Majesty's Timely Interposition with the Czar of Muscovy for if that Grant or Project had not been stopt you might in good Measure bid adieu to the Tobacco Trade in America whilst the divided Interest & Sentiments of Merchants at home in Relation to the setting up and curing the Circasion Tobacco's had speedily crowned our Ruin

Next her Majesty's opening a Trade with Spain which has already so very good success many Spanish Vessels have been cleared in London that brought their Wool and Commodities