

P. R. O. to her Majestys Writt there are Twenty nine Members mett  
 B. T. Md. And to know his Excys pleasure whither with that Number of  
 Vol. 17. Members they might proceed to Election of a Speaker in  
 order to goe on business.

The house thereupon Attended his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and Councill And the said M<sup>r</sup> Dent having Acquainted his Ex<sup>cy</sup> as Aforesaid whither they should proceed to the Choice of A Speaker Thereupon his Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleas'd to Signify he thought there were A Sufficient number to Compose A house to make choice of A Speaker which he desird Might be Speedily done that they might proceed to dispatch business.

And thereupon the Members tooke their leave Withdrew and repaired to the Stadthouse And then those Members together with Baltemore County then Appearing proceeded to make choice of their Speaker And by a Gen<sup>l</sup> Vote Nemine Contradicente they made Choice of W<sup>m</sup> Dent Esq<sup>r</sup> their Speaker And plac't him in the Chaire Accordingly.

Which being done they repair'd to the Councill Chamber where they presented their Speaker to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Governour Where M<sup>r</sup> Speaker made a Short Excusatory Speech disabling himself by reason of some imperfections and humbly prayd his Ex<sup>cy</sup> to direct the house to make choice of some more able memb<sup>r</sup> of that house To Which his Ex<sup>cy</sup> replied that he did very well Allow of their choice for Which he returnd his Ex<sup>cy</sup> humble thanks for thinking him worthy the Execution of a place of so Great charge And trust promising him to use his Uttmost endeavour care and dilligence therein And so offerd unto him in the name and on behalfe of the said house of Assembly that they might have their Accustomd and Usual priviledges Access to his Ex<sup>cys</sup> person upon Urgent occasions and Free liberty of Speech w<sup>ch</sup> was granted And his Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleas'd to say he would send some of the Councill and Clerk' to see them Quallifyed and so soone as the house is setled he would Acquaint them the occasion of Calling this Assembly.

Thereupon the Speaker with the rest of the members repaired to their house where M<sup>r</sup> Speaker returns them thanks for the honour done him in their choice promising them to discharge that great trust layd on him According to the best of his Ability

Ordered that the house meet at the Stadt house every day during this Sessions by Eight A Clock in the Morning and Sitt till twelve And so from two ti'll six in the afternoone.

Propos'd Whither it be not necessary to know of his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Governour Whither those members that have Allready taken the oaths appointed by Act of parliam<sup>t</sup> are enjoynd to take the same againe, thereupon