

and the House immediately to attend the Honble Council in the Council Chamber & so withdrew And thereupon M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the Members attended the Council where the Honble President was pleased to direct himself to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the Members of the House and declared the Occasion of calling this Assembly was pleased to say. L. H. J  
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M<sup>r</sup> Speaker, and you Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

Upon the Decease of his Excellency Col<sup>o</sup> John Seymour our late Governor the Admn of the Government by her Majesty's Royal Commission to him is invested in us the Members of her Majesty's Council And having taken the same upon us thought it expedient to convene you at this Time to advise with and recommend to you the necessary and usual Means for raising a Supply to defray the Publick Charge of this present Year, which we are persuaded will not be very great and also to lay before you several Letters his late Excellency not long before his Death received from the Right Honble Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> of Trade and foreign Plantations and especially in Relation to the Ordinary Licenses which Sir Thomas Lawrence Barr<sup>t</sup> her Majesty's Secretary of this Province complains you have unjustly taken from him besides other Fees of the Provincial Court. Gentlemen we desire you will once more either assert your Reasons for diverting the Fees of those Licenses from the Secretary or otherwise reannex them to his Office that we may not give him any just Occasion of Complaint to her Most Sacred Majesty, and the Right Honourable the Lords of the Co<sup>r</sup> of Trade and foreign Plantations who have been so often importuned by him. As to all other Matters which may be thought advisable to be concerted this present Session we shall readily join with the House in expediting them for the Service of our Queen and Country Which being done M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the Members returned to their House, and a Copy of the Speech being sent to the House was here read and Ordered That M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Smithson and M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Gale, prepare an Answer thereto to be laid before the House to Morrow for Approbation.

Cecil County three Members being sworn and qualified before the Honble Council they entered the House and took their Places accordingly.

Ordered by the House That M<sup>r</sup> Speaker issue out his Warrants to M<sup>r</sup> Secretary for sending forth new Writs for Election for Members to serve in the Room of those that are dead and removed Viz. Saint Mary's County a Writ for Election of a Member to serve instead of Col<sup>o</sup> Coode deceased. P. 215