

U. H. J. Benjamin Tasker and Edmund Jenings Esq^r are sent to acquaint the Lower house that his Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper house immediately

The Lower house attend and his Excellency orders them to return to their house and make Choice of a Speaker

Mess^{rs} Calder and Colville from the Lower house acquaint his Excellency their House hath made Choice of a Speaker

Philip Lee Esq^r and Col Hammond are sent to the Lower House to inform them His Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper house to present their Speaker for his Approbation

p. 2 The whole house attend and present Col Edward Sprigg as their Speaker with which Choice his Excellency declares himself well pleased, and acquaints the Members of Both Houses of Assembly, he had a Speech from the Rt. honble the Lord Baltimore directed to them, and which He had ordered the Clerk of the Council to read

His Lordships Speech to Both Houses of Assembly of the Province of Maryland

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly

Baltimore

The Happiness of the Province of Maryland has always been the Chief Object of my Attention, and I can with great Sincerity affirm, that I have omitted no Opportunity of testifying my Zeal to promote it, having ever been, in my Situation here, attentive to the Advancement of Trade in general, and particularly in that Branch in which You are more nearly concerned, and that nothing can give me a more Sensible Pleasure, than to be able any Way to contribute to the Welfare and Prosperity of his Majestys Subjects in Maryland

It is great Satisfaction to me, that his Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of M^r Bladen to be your Governor, who, I am confident, will cultivate by all Means that good Understanding, which is so necessary for the General Interest of the Common Weal, and I am perswaded you will not be wanting in your different Stations, to concur in the carrying on such Measures, as are consistent with the true Interest of the Province, in which you may always be assured of my ready Concurrence

p. 3 His Excellency makes the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly

The Honour I have of being appointed Governor of this Province, is the more agreeable to me, as It is the Country where I was born, and for whose Interest and Happiness my sincerest and best Wishes have never been wanting

The little time since my Arrival makes it impossible for me to be apprised of many particulars, which may be proper to be recommended to your Consideration, but I hope the War Our Sovereign is engaged in, and the many Commotions in Europe, which threaten