PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis U.H.J. on Tuesday the Second day of October in the third year of his Liber No. 34 Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1753.

1753, October 2

Present

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His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor

Benjamin Tasker Esq.^r Cot. Edward Lloyd The Honourable Cot. George Plater Cot. Benjamin Tasker Cof. Charles Hammond Benedict Calvert Esq.^r

Major Barnes and M.r Tilghman from the Lower house acquaint his Excellency the Governor that there is a sufficient Number of Members met to make a house and wait his Excellencys Commands

Colonel Plater and Colonel Hammond are sent to the Lower house to acquaint the Speaker that his Excellency requires his immediate Attendance with the Lower house in the Upper House.

The Lower house attend and his Excellency acquainted the Members of both houses that the Lord Proprietary had Transmitted by him a Speech to both houses of Assembly which by his Excellencys directions was read by the Clerk of this house in the words following Viz.t

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly

The Care of this Province now descending to me as Lord and Proprietary thereof, I think it will not be less agreeable to you than Satisfactory to myself to Assure you that I shall always follow the good Examples of my Ancestors, who first enterprized established promoted and improved the Province of Maryland Their Great and Generous Motives, their constant Regard and Attention to your Interest and Prosperity their Love and diligence and the Effects of it in the Increase of your Numbers and the Extent of your Commerce will ever animate and influence me to discharge my duty to you, and my own discendants in such manner that the Posterity of both may not think less favourable of me than of my Ancestors, And I trust it will be esteemed one Proof of my Care that I have with his Majesty's most Gracious Approbation Named and Constituted M. Horatio Sharpe to be my Lieutenant General & Governor in Chief of the Province of Maryland, a Gentleman whose Loyalty and Attachment to Our happy Establishment is Certain and from whose Integrity Honour and Abilitys I have Great reason to expect