

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Sept. 25

For Frederick County

M.^r William Lockett

A sufficient Number of Members to compose a House being convened at the Stadt House; Ordered, That M.^r Ringgold and M.^r Paca do acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith, and also, that since the last Session of Assembly this House hath unhappily lost their Speaker.

Benedict Calvert and Daniel Dulany Esquires from the Upper House acquaint the Members of this House that the Governor requires their Attendance immediately in the Upper House—

The Members of the Lower House accordingly attended his Excellency in the Upper House.

His Excellency required the Members of the Lower House to return to their House and make Choice of a Speaker.

The Members of the Lower House returned accordingly, and unanimously made Choice of M.^r Edward Tilghman to be their Speaker, and placed him in the Chair.

Ordered, That M.^r Johnson and M.^r Hall do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath made choice of a Speaker.

John Ridout, and John Beale Bordley, Esquires, from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of this House, that the Governor requires them to present their Speaker to him.

M.^r Speaker left the Chair, and (with the Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House, where he was presented by the Members of the Lower House, to his Excellency.

His Excellency approved the Choice, and made the following Speech—

p. 66 Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

Having Regard to the temperate Season of the Year, the stated Terms of the Courts of Justice, and to the Convenience of your private Affairs, I have called you together at this Time, which on those Considerations, will, I hope, prove agreeable to You.

Gentlemen of the Lower House

Some Papers concerning Indian Affairs, I shall order to be laid before you. Considering the peculiar Circumstances of this Country, the Incertainty with Respect to the Part the other Colonies might be induced to take in this Business, and the Manner in which it was communicated to me, it did not strike me as an Object of so great Importance, as to require a particular Meeting of the general Assembly at a very inconvenient Season, and therefore I reserved it for your Deliberation at this Time, to which I now recommend it, and that you will make such Provisions on the Subject, as you may deem to be expedient; this Business remaining yet unsettled, Com-