

At a Councill held at the port & Towne of Annapolis In Ann Arundell County the 23^d day of february 1698 the Tenth Yeare of his Maj^{tyes} Raigne &^{ca}

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S^r Thomas Laurence Barr^t Secr^y }
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This day by his Ma^{tyes} Writt of Election or Summons being appointed for the meeting of the Gen^l Assembly of this Province pursuant thereto appeared att the Councill Boarde, these ffollowing Delegates by Indenture Returned for S^t Marys, Ann Arundel prince Georges, and Calvert Countys, (Viz^t) M^r Jacob Moreland, Major John Hammond, M^r James Saunders, M^r Samuel Yo[ung] Major Walter Smith, M^r Elisha Hall, M^r W^m Hutchyson M^r John Wight Coll Ninian Beale and Major William Barton to whom by Virtue of his Maj^{tyes} Writt of dedimus potestatem directed to the aforesaid Gentlemen of his Maj^{tyes} hon^{ble} Councill then p^rsent were administered the Oaths appointed by Act of parliament to be taken in steade of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy att which they tooke as Likewise M^r William Bladen Clarke of the said house of Delegates and and at the same tyme the said Members & Clarke Subscribed the Test.

After which was produced & read his Maj^{tyes} Writt of pro rogation In these words Viz^t:

Maryland ss:

William the Third by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, ffrance and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith &^{ca} To the members of our privy Councill & house of Delegates for this our province of Maryland, Greeting, Whereas by our Certain Writt of Election issued, directed, and sent unto the Sev^rall Sheriffs of our said province bearing date the Eleventh day of January Last past thereby Impowering them to call together four or more Commissio^{ns} of their Respective Countys with their Clke to [sit] as a Court and during their sitting (by Virtue of their to make or Cause to be made publicke proclamation thereby giving notice to all the ffreemen of their