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said Countys (authorised by Law) to appeare at a certain Day & place appointed for the Electing and Choosing four Delegates or Representatives to serve for each of their said Countys and two for the city of S<sup>t</sup> Mary's at a Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly to be held at our Towne and porte of Annapolis the 23<sup>d</sup> day of february Instant as by recourse to our said writts, being had may more fully & at Large appeare. But for certain Causes and Considerations us thereunto Especially moving We do thinke fitt to deferr, putt off & prorogue the sitting of the said Assembly untill the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March next. And the same is hereby prorogued accordingly Whereby you Every of you are to give due notice, and in no ways to faile meeting at this piace the said Eighth day of March appointed, Given under the broade Seale of our said province this 21<sup>st</sup> day of february 1697/8 in the Tenth yeare of our Raigne Witness our Trusty and well beloved ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> and Governor in Chiefe in and over our said province and Territorys of Maryland

Att a Councill mett & held at the port of Annapolis the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1698.

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The hon<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Barr<sup>t</sup> Secretary  
Colonel Henry Jowles Chancellour  
Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> }

This day pursuant to prorogation Sev<sup>r</sup>all Delegates Returned by Indentures according to the writts of Election mett, who were not before Sworne Viz<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Waughop, for S<sup>t</sup> Marys City, M<sup>r</sup> Philip Clarke Major John Low, and M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Beale for S<sup>t</sup> Marys County, Cap<sup>t</sup> Richard Hill, for Ann Arundell County, M<sup>r</sup> James Crauforde & M<sup>r</sup> John Leach Junior for Calvert County, M<sup>r</sup> Philip Hoskins Major James Smallwood, M<sup>r</sup> Henry Hawkins and M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Hall, for Charles County, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Staley, M<sup>r</sup> George Ashman and M<sup>r</sup> John Hall, for Baltimore County.

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The Dedimus for swearing the Delegates was again produced pursuant whereto the aforementioned Members had administered unto them by his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill present the Oaths appointed by Act of parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, who severally Likewise Subscribe the Test.

The Sev<sup>r</sup>all members sworne this day & before tooke Leave & repaired to the Stad<sup>t</sup> house.

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & Gov<sup>r</sup>