

P. R. O. M^r W^m Hutchynson }
 M^r Jno Wight } for Prince George's County
 M^r Rob^t Bradley }

St Marics Citty and County All Absent

And Sevrall members at this time wanting but being in hopes most of them will be here this night

Therefore Resolved that the house proceed upon business

Ordered that M^r W^m Dent and M^r John Hall attend his Ex^{cy} in Council to acquainte them this house is mett according to prorogation and ready to wait their Comands

They returne and say they deliverd the message

The Honoble James Saunders and W Holland Esq^{re} enters the house and acquaints the Honoble Speaker that his Ex^{cy} in Council is ready to receive them And therefore comands that the whole house attend him at the Councill Chamber Upon which the house Adjourned to the Councill Chamber where the Sevrall members tooke the Oathe of Allegiance and Abhorrence and Signed the Test which being done his Ex^{cy} was pleased to make the following Speech viz^t

Gent

I hope I need not make any appologie for this Meeting for it is necessity and not choice has constrained me by the death of our most Gracious King William whose Dissolucōn all his protestant Subjects has reason to Lament as that of a Comon Father and the Champion of our Libertys and the Ornament and Glory of our Countrey

fo. 3 As Almighty God bestows his blessings upon us soe he takes them away As he thinks fitt And since it is by his Gracious influence wee receive all the benefitt we Enjoy we ought with Great reason to hope he is not Alltogeather unmindefull of us haveing placed her p^rsent Maj^{ty} upon the Throne to be our Supreme Governess who has all the noble Vertues and great Quallifications wee could wish or hope for Under God to make us happy Therefore I thought it Highly necessary and a duty incumbent upon us at this Juncture to meete and Address her Maj^{ty} Giveing her all the convinceing proofes of our Great Sattisfaction and the hopes wee have of the Great blessing we shall enjoy und^r her Maj^{ts} happy and prosperous Reigne over us.

I have allready Acquainted you of my intencōns (with the blessing of God) of goeing home for England with this fleet for the recovery of my health And as I hope I have never in the least tarnished my reputacōn amongst you by the Violation of any mans property or libertys Soe I have never