

U. H. J. your Prudence and Example I have but slender hopes your debates can be successful but as we are all willing to be called Christians let us in our several Stations Act like men who  
 p. 969 deserve that noble Excellent Character that the Heathens round about us may not continue to mock at our Hypocrisy and despise our Religion and let that Magistrate be Stigmatized with Infamy whoever connives at or Countenances any Sort of Knavery or Atheism

Gentlemen

Whenever you will heartily and sincerely endeavour to bring this good Work about I should never despond but By Gods blessing to see the Country Improve and Flourish and then the rest of our Fellow Subjects every where (to your lasting Glory and Reputation) would be justly Convinced that the People in Maryland truly serve God and with a loyal Dutiful Regard honour our lawful and rightful Sovereign the Queen

After which M<sup>r</sup> Speaker in behalf of himself and Delegates desired to have A Copy of his Excellencys Speech which was granted so the Speaker & Delegates withdrew and repaired to their House

Kenelm Cheseldyne Esq<sup>r</sup> and Col<sup>o</sup> Thomas Greenfield came and took their places at the Board

The Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight a Clock

Tuesday Morning the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1708

The Council met according to Adjournment & present as yesterday

His Excellency having Ordered A Dedimus Potestatem and Appointed Kenelm Cheseldyn William Coursey Thomas Greenfield and Philip Lynes Esq<sup>rs</sup> to swear the Delegates: Ordered them to go to their House and Administer the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oath Extinguishing the pretended Prince of Wales to the succession of the Crown of England pursuant to the Writt of Dedimus Potestatem

Came M<sup>r</sup> William Bladen Major Gale and M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Worthington and say that their House humbly desire that the Gentlemen appointed by his Excellency to Administer the Oaths Usually in such cases may be sent to their House in order thereto

M<sup>r</sup> William Bladen and Major Gale enter the Council Chamber and acquaint his Excellency that their House desires the perusall of such Writts of Election as are returned which his