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They return and say they delivered their Message

The Honble Samuel Young and Charles Greenberry Esq<sup>rs</sup> enter the House & acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Honble Council command the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the House attended the Honble Council, where the Honble President was pleased to speak them as follow

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and you Gentlemen of the House of Delegates We have thought this the most convenient Time to call you together chiefly to consider and assess the Publick Charge of the present year which we hope will not long detain you from your respective Families. Gentl. As we are enjoined by her Most Sacred Majesty's Royal Instructions not to enter upon Things of great Moment in the Absence of a Governor in Chief but what are absolutely necessary for the Peace of the Province (which we must thank Almighty God is well preserved) so we shall be very tender of not paying the strictest Obedience thereto, tho' always ready to join your House in concerting such usual and requisite Matters as may conduce to the Preservation of the Peace and be reasonably proposed by you for the Benefit and Advantage of those you represent (ever having a due Regard to her Majesty's said Instructions) and that with as much Diligence and convenient Speed as may be in the usual Manner

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the rest of the Members repair to their own House

M<sup>r</sup> James Bowles a new Member returned elected for Saint Mary's County; Major Charles Hammond a new Member returned elected for Ann Arundel County; M<sup>r</sup> John Hudson and M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hicks returned elected for Dorchester County called into the House appeared accordingly. Ordered M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Worthington M<sup>r</sup> Robert Tyler and M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Dare attend them and M<sup>r</sup> John Franklin to the Honble Council to see the said five Members qualified by taking the Oaths. They return and say they saw them qualified and the new elected Members took their Places in the House

Resolved the House meet every Morning at 9 of the Clock and continue sitting till four in the Afternoon

Ordered M<sup>r</sup> Speaker issue his Warrant to the Secretary to issue her Majesty's Writ of Election for a Member for Cecil County to serve in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> John Ward now Sheriff of that County.

The House adjourned till 9 O'Clock to Morrow Morning.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 1710

The House met according to Adjournment and being called over there appeared the several Members present yesterday