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At a Session of Assembly begun and held by Severall Prorogations at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the fifteenth day of March in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George and in the Eleventh Year of the Dominion of the Right Hono^{ble} Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon &^c Annoq Dmi 1725/6

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Were Present

The Hono^{ble} Charles Calvert Esq^r Governour

the honble	{	Coll. Will ^m Holland	John Rousby	} Esq ^{rs}
		Coll. Thomas Addison	Benj ^a Tasker	
		Coll. Richard Tilghman	Phil: Lee	
		Col ^o M. T. Ward		

Members of the Upper House

James Stoddart and John Beale Esq^{rs} from the Lower House acquaint his Hon^r the Gov^r there are a Sufficient number of their members met to proceed upon Business.

Whereupon Col^o Holland is sent down to the Lower House to Acquaint them that his Hon^r the Governor requires M^r Speaker and the whole House to attend him in the Council Chamber Immediately.

Who returns and says he Delivered the Message

The Speaker and the whole House attended accordingly p. 2 and his Honour opened the Sessions with the following Speech viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

I am Sorry to Convene you at this unusuall time of the Year, but it is Occasioned by the Gentlemen of the Law, who refuse to plead the Causes begun before the Act made last Sessions relateing to Attorneys; It is very hard the Clyents should pay the ffees in those Causes and be nonsuited; what the Gentlemen Practitioners said in the Chancery Court was that the letter of the Law restrained them from pleading any Causes whatsoever, Except they took the Oath appointed by the Act. I could not be of their Opinion and therefore gave them leave to plead the old Causes if they would have so done for it would be a very great Absurdity to suppose the