

L. H. J. the Duties of their Speaker as well as be much more worthy of your
 Lib. No. 46 Approbation.

To which his Excellency was pleased to Reply that he could not but Commend the Conduct of the house and Approve of him as Speaker.

When afterwards M^r Speaker proceeded in the following manner
 Sir as it is your Excellencys pleasure to Confirm their Choice it is now become my Duty to Accept the Office and in the discharge thereof I shall Endeavour to Approve my selfe an Equal freeman Zealous in the Interest of the Lord Proprietary as well as in that of my dearest Country.

I am now on Behalf of that Honourable House which placed me here to Require the free use of all those their accustomed Rights and privileges as they hitherto have and as they ought to be Enjoyed in Assembly all freedom as to our Persons all freedom of Speech and A free and Easy Access to your Excellency's Person In all Cases of Importance that may require it.

I shall Trespass upon your Patience Sir but for one moment longer untill I Observe

That I take it to be A fact universally allow'd that there never was a Legislature of this Province if Considered in Every its distinct and Severall branches Composed of more Able and more Eminent Members than is the present and that no Assembly of this Province was ever calld together at A Juncture that required the utmost Exertion of such Extraordinary Qualifications more than does the present that never more was Expected from A Session of Assembly or Ever did the Publick Affairs of the Province much more Require somewhat to be done in order to heal the differences and reconcile the Jarring Interests of the Lord proprietary and his faithfull Tennants.

May then Sir A happy Event Result from our Consultations May the Effects of our proceedings Every way Answer the great Occasion and the great End of our being Called together May they Contribute Greatly Contribute Sir to the honour of his Lordship the Satisfaction of your Excellency and the peace and well being of the
 p. 4 People of Maryland.

The Governor made the following Speech (See page 424.)

M^r Speaker and the other members returned to the Lower House

p. 7 M^r Speaker reassumed the Chair

Ordered that M^r Speaker Issue his warrant to the Secretary of the Province to make out writs of Election directed to the Sherriff of Ann Arundell County to Elect A Member to serve in this Assembly In place of Cap^t Thomas Gassaway Deceased one other Directed to the Sheriff of Calvert County to Elect A Member In place of Coll^l John Mackall Deceased and one other Directed to the Sher-