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Liber No. 46 A sufficient number of Members to compose a Lower House of Assembly, being met at the Stadt House, Col. King and Col: Colvil were desired to acquaint His Excellency therewith.

George Plater Esq^r and Col. Hollyday of the Upper House, and M^r John Ross Clerk, came into the Stadt House, in whose Presence the aforesaid Members took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signed the Oath of Abjuration, and repeated and signed the Test.

Edmund Jennings Esq^r and Col. Hammond, from the Upper House, acquaint the members of this House that the Governour required their Attendance in the Upper House.

The members of the Lower House went to the Upper House; His Excellency required them to return and make Choice of a Speaker: They returned, and unanimously made Choice of Col. Edward Sprigg, a Representative of Prince Georges County, to be their Speaker; and placed him in the Chair.

Col. King, and Col, Colvil are sent to acquaint His Excellency, that this House hath made Choice of a Speaker

Col. Hammond, and Col. Lloyd, from the Upper House, acquaint this House, that the Governour requires their Attendance in the Upper House, to present their Speaker.

p. 446 The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House, and presented Col. Edward Sprigg to the Governour, as their Speaker; His Excellency gave his Approbation of their Choice, and then made the following Speech. (See page 2)

The Members return to their House, and M^r Speaker resumes the Chair.

On Motion that a Clerk to the Lower House be made Choice of, M^r Tilghman, M^r Denton, and M^r Hanson, are severally proposed for that Office; and the Question being put, whether the House will make Choice of M^r Tilghman? it was resolved in the Affirmative.

M^r Nicholas Goldsborough and Col. Henry are ordered to acquaint his Excellency with their Choice of a Clerk, and to desire his Approbation thereof: They return and acquaint M^r Speaker they delivered their Message, and that the Governour was pleased to approve of the Choice.

M^r Nicholas Goldsborough and Col. Henry are sent to the Upper House to see M^r Tilghman qualified, as Clerk of this House: They return and acquaint M^r Speaker, that they saw the Clerk take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, sign the Oath of Abjuration, repeat and sign the Test, and take the following Oath of Office:

You William Tilghman do swear, that as Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly, you shall true Entries make of all such Matters and Things, as by the Honourable Speaker for the Time being, and