

A sufficient Number of Members to compose a Lower House of Assembly being met at the Stadt-House, Mr. Nicholas Goldsborough and Major Sheredine were desired to acquaint his Excellency therewith; which they accordingly did. L. H. J.
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Philip Thomas and Benedict Calvert, Esquires, of the Upper House, and Mr. John Ross, Clerk of the Council, came into the Stadt-House; where, in their Presence, the aforesaid Members took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and repeated and signed the Test. p. 810

Samuel Chamberlaine and Edward Lloyd, Esquires, from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of this House, that the Governor required their Attendance in the Upper House.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House; his Excellency recommended them to return to their House to choose a Speaker: They returned, and unanimously made choice of Mr. Philip Hammond, a Representative of Anne Arundel County, to be their Speaker; and placed him in the Chair.

Mr. Nicholas Goldsborough and Dr. Carroll were sent to acquaint his Excellency the Governor, that this House had chose a Speaker.

Col. Hammond and Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of the Lower House, that the Governor requires their Attendance in the Upper House to present their Speaker.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House, and there presented Mr. Philip Hammond to the Governor as Speaker: His Excellency gave an Approbation of their Choice, and made the following Speech; viz. (See page 167) p. 811

The Members of the Lower House return, and Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair.

On Motion that a Clerk be immediately chosen, in order to proceed to Business; the House unanimously made choice of Mr. Michael Macnemara, the late Clerk. Mr. Harris and Dr. Buchanan were ordered to acquaint the Governor (he then being in the Upper House), that this House had chose Mr. Michael Macnemara their Clerk, and that they came there to see him qualified: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they delivered their Message, and that the Governor was pleased to answer thereto, "that altho' he believed he should not disapprove of Mr. Macnemara; yet as he did not come to him in the usual Manner for his Approbation, he could not approve of him."

The House, on Consideration of the Governor's Answer, ordered Mr. Harris and Dr. Buchanan, with Mr. Macnemara, to attend the Governor, and to deliver to his Excellency the following verbal Message; viz. (see page 168)