PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis U.H. J. on Saturday the 7th day of December in the first Year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1751.

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Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esquire Governor

Benjamin Tasker Esq. Cot Charles Hammond The Honourable | Col George Plater -Daniel Dulany Esq. Edmund Jenings Esq. | Benedict Calvert Esq.

Mess^{rs} Henry and Harrison from the Lower house acquaint his Excellency that there is a Sufficient Number of Members met to make a house and wait his Excellencys Commands.

Col Hammond and Benedict Calvert Esq. are Sent to the Lower house to Administer the Oaths to the Government appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly of this Province to the Several Members of that house there Present and Ordered that the Clerk of this house attend them who Administred the said Oaths to the Several Members then Present and they all Subscribed the Abjuration and Test.

Edmund Jenings Esq. is Sent to Acquaint the Lower house his Excellency requires their immediate attendance in the Upper house.

The Members of the Lower house attend & His Excellency requires them to Return to their house & make Choice of a Speaker

Mess^{rs} Henry and Smalwood from the Lower house acquaint his Excellency their house had made Choice of a Speaker

Daniel Dulany Esq. is Sent to acquaint the Lower house that his Excellency requires their attendance in the Upper house to Present their Speaker for his Approbation

The Lower house attend and Present Philip Hammond Esq. to his Excellency as their Speaker who is pleased to Approve of their Choice, and then makes the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly

It is with great concern I now call you together on the melancholy Occasion of the Death of Our late Noble & Worthy Proprietor, whose Loss must be truly lamented by every man who wishes well to the Trade and Prosperity of Great Britain, and especially of her Colonies, whose happiness, from the Strongest Motives of Inclina- p. 308 tion and Interest he had constantly & Sincerly at heart