

A sufficient Number of Delegates, to compose the Lower House of Assembly, being convened at the Stadt-House, Col. Robert Jenckins Henry and Col. Richard Harrison went and acquainted his Excellency the Governor therewith.

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Col. Hammond and Benedict Calvert, Esq; of the Upper House, and Mr. John Ross, Clerk, came into the Stadt-House; in whose Presence the aforesaid Delegates took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and subscribed the Test.

Edmund Jenings, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaints the Members of this House, that the Governor requires their Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Members of the Lower House went and attended his Excellency, who directed them to return and make Choice of a Speaker: They returned, and unanimously made Choice of Philip Hammond, Esq; a Representative of Anne Arundel County, to be their Speaker; and placed him in the Chair.

Col. Henry and Mr. Smallwood are sent to acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath made Choice of a Speaker.

Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaints the Members of this House, that the Governor requires their Attendance to present their Speaker.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House, and presented the Speaker to the Governor.

His Excellency approved the Choice, and made the following Speech: (See pages 639-640)

Mr. Speaker returned (with the rest of the Members of the Lower House), and resumed the Chair. p. 190

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Clerk, and chose Mr. Michael Macnemara. Ordered, That Capt. Lee and Col. Scarborough do acquaint his Excellency therewith, and desire his Approbation: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Message, and that the Governor signified his Approbation of the Choice. Ordered, That Capt. Lee and Col. Scarborough do go with Mr. Macnemara to the Upper House to see him qualified, as Clerk of this House: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker that they saw him take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribe the Oath of Abjuration, repeat and subscribe the Test, and take the following Oath of Office; viz.

You Michael Macnemara 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 that House, shall be to you directed; the Secrets of the said House you shall not divulge, to the Prejudice of the House, or any Member thereof; but shall in all Things, as Clerk to the said House, well and