

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
December 12

For Somerset County,
Colo. Robert Jenckins Henry,
Mr. John Handy,
Mr. John Dennis, senr.

For Worcester County,
Colo. John Scarborough,
Capt. John Evans,
Colo. John Henry,
Mr. John Dennis, junr.

For Talbot County,
Mr. John Goldsborough,
Mr. Matthew Tilghman,
Mr. Pollard Edmondson,
Mr. James Edge.

For Frederick County,
Mr. Henry Wright Crabb,
Mr. Joseph Chapline,
Mr. Josiah Beall,
Mr. Edward Sprigg

A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose a Lower House of Assembly being convened at the Stadt-House, Mr. William Murdock, a Delegate returned to serve in this Assembly for Prince-George's County, and Mr. Robert Lloyd, a Delegate returned for Queen-Anne's County, attended on his Excellency the Governor to acquaint him therewith.

George Plater, and Richard Lee, Esqrs. of the Upper House, and Mr. John Ross, Clerk of the Council, came into the Stadt-House, in whose Presence the aforesaid Delegates took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test.

p. 2 Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaints the Members of this House, that the Governor requires their Attendance in the Upper House.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House: His Excellency required them to return to the Lower House and choose a Speaker: They returned, and unanimously made Choice of Col. Henry Hooper, a Delegate for Dorchester County, to be their Speaker, and placed him in the Chair.

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

Col. Benjamin Tasker from the Upper House, acquaints the Members of this 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 presented to the Governor, Col. Henry Hooper as their Speaker; his Excellency gave his Approbation of their Choice, and then made the following Speech, viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

As the late Transactions of the French on this Continent, and the fatal Consequences that must inevitably attend their Execution of the Scheme they have projected against us, have been so often des-