

by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test before him, and severally took the following Oath of Office.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
March 17

You Robert Saunders do swear, that you will faithfully, and honestly discharge the Office of Serjeant at Arms to the Lower House of Assembly; and that you shall not disclose or reveal the Secrets thereof: So help you God.

You Andrew Buchanan do swear, that you will faithfully, diligently, and honestly discharge the Office of Door-keeper to the Lower House of Assembly; and that you shall not disclose or reveal the Secrets thereof: So help you God.

You Richard Tilghman, junior, and Richard Tilghman, Third, do severally swear, that you will true Entries make of all such Matters and Things as shall be to you directed by any Committee of the Lower House of Assembly, for whom you shall act as Clerks; and that you will not divulge the Secrets of the said House of Assembly, or of any Committee thereof; but will, in all Things, well and truly demean yourselves, according to the best of your Knowledge: So help you God. p. 8

Mr. John Hanson, junior, and Mr. George Dent, Two Delegates returned for Charles County; Mr. Pollard Edmondson, and Mr. William Thomas, Two Delegates returned for Talbot County; appeared in the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Stoddert and Mr. John Goldsborough do go with them to the Upper House, to see them Qualified.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they saw them Qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House.

Ordered, That the following Rules be observed as such during this Session:

1 That no Member of the House shall use any reviling Speeches, or name any Member by his proper Name, otherwise than for Distinction's Sake; but shall rather use some other Significance, as, The Gentleman that spoke last, or the like.

2 That no Member speak above once upon any Debate, without License of the House, declared by the Speaker; and if Two Persons, or more, shall rise up together, the Speaker shall appoint who shall speak first; and no Member shall interrupt any other, until the Gentleman speaking hath ended.

3 That none shall deliver his Opinion, or speak to any Bill or Debate, unless he shall stand up, and reverently direct his Speech to the Speaker.

4 That every Bill proposed by the House, shall be Read Two several Days before it is sent to the Upper House, and once after, before it be Ingrossed; and that between every Reading, one Day