

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Oct. 2

For Baltimore County.

M.^r Samuel Owings jun.^r,
M.^r John Moale,
M.^r George Risteau,
M.^r Thomas Cockey Deye.

For Frederick County.

M.^r William Lockett,
M.^r Jonathan Hagar,
M.^r Thomas Sprigg Wootton,
M.^r Charles Beatty.

A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose a House being convened at the Coffee House; M.^r William Paca, a Delegate returned for the City of Annapolis, And M.^r Benjamin Mackall, a Delegate returned for Calvert County, attended on his Excellency to acquaint him therewith.

Benedict Calvert and Walter Dulany Esq.^{rs} of the Upper House, attended by Doctor Upton Scott, Clerk of the Upper House, came into the Coffee House; And the aforesaid Delegates took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test in the Presence of the two Gentlemen of the Upper House

Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer and George Plater Esq.^{rs} from the Upper House acquaint the Members of this House that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately 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 M.^r Edward Tilghman a Delegate returned for Queen Ann's County to be their Speaker and placed him in the Chair.

M.^r Worthington and M.^r Chamberlaine are sent to acquaint his Excellency that this House hath made Choice of a Speaker

Daniel Dulany and George Steuart Esq.^{rs} from the Upper House acquaint 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 M.^r Edward Tilghman as their Speaker

His Excellency approved the Choice and made the following Speech Viz.^t

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

Whilst engaged in enacting Regulations conducive to the Welfare of the Province, you will, I hope, find the Season convenient to your private Affairs.

The State of the Criminal Law, which I recommended to the Consideration of the late Assembly, permit me again to press, as an Object that deserves your most deliberate Attention.

The Provision hitherto made for repairing and keeping in Order