

L. H. J. A sufficient Number of Members to compose a Lower House of Assembly being met at the Stadt House, Col^o Sprigg and Doctor Carroll were desired to acquaint his Excellency therewith.

p. 312 George Plater and James Holliday Esq^{rs} of the Upper House and M^r John Ross Clerk, came into the Stadt House in whose Presence the Members aforesaid took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signed the Oath of Abjuration repeated and signed the Test.

Benjamin Tasker and Edmund Jenings Esq^r from the Upper House acquaint the Members of this House, that the Governor required their Attendance in the Upper House

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House his Excellency required them to return and make Choice of a Speaker: The Members of the Lower House returned, and unanimously made Choice of Col^o Edward Sprigg a Representative of Prince Georges County to be their Speaker, and placed him in the Chair.

Ordered that M^r Calder and Col^o Colvil acquaint his Excellency this House hath made Choice of a Speaker

Philip Lee Esq^r and Col^o Charles Hammond from the Upper House acquaint 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 for their Speaker Col^o Edward Sprigg: his Excellency approved the Choice, then acquainted M^r Speaker and the rest of the Members he had a Speech from Lord Baltimore to both Houses of Assembly, which he had ordered the Clerk of the Council to read (See page 266)

His Excellency made the following Speech (See page 266)

p. 313 The Lower House returned M^r Speaker resumed the Chair The House made Choice of M^r Michael Macnemara for Clerk

M^r Dulany and M^r Wootton ordered to acquaint his Excellency with their Choice of Clerk which on their Return they acquainted M^r Speaker he approved.

M^r Calder and M^r Thomas sent to the Upper House to see M^r Macnemara qualify himself they return and acquaint M^r Speaker the Clerk had taken the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test and took the following Oath.

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 said House or any Member thereof, but shall in all things as Clerk of the said House,