PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Friday the Seventeenth Day of November, in the Nineteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1769

Were Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Governor

	Benedict Calvert Esq.	Walter Dulany Esq.
The Honble	Daniel Dulany Esq.	John Beale Bordley Esq.
	John Ridout Esq.	George Steuart Esq.

Messrs Goldsborough and Gant, from the Lower House, acquaint his Excellency, that there are a Sufficient Number of Members met to make a House, and wait his Excellency's Commands

Daniel Dulany and John Ridout Esq.^{rs} are sent to the Lower House, to acquaint the Speaker, that his Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper House immediately.

The Lower House Attend with their Speaker, and his Excellency is pleased to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

From my Desire of accomodating the Public Business to your Private Affairs, I have delayed calling you together, nor Should I, did not the Exigencies of Government make it necessary, now meet you merely to notify the Lord Proprietary's Appointment of me to Succeed Colonel Sharpe, as Governor of this Province, to merit which Honour, and the Trust thus reposed in me, I shall ever Consider it to be my indispensible Duty to promote, on all Occasions, the Prosperity of Maryland.

Gentlemen of the Lower House

Convinced as I am that the real Interests of the Lord Proprietary and the People of this Province are inseparable, I meet this Assembly with the most agreeable Prospect. From your Attachment to the Welfare of your Country, from your knowledge of its Circumstances, and from your Moderation and prudence I derive the most persuasive and pleasing Expectation, that this Session will be distinguished by the Benefits which a Dispassionate and Amicable Intercourse cannot fail to produce, by the Propriety of your Proceedings and by the Utillity of those Laws which shall be Enacted.