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A Session of Assembly hold at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 11th Day of August In the Year of
Our Lord 1737 and in the Twenty Third Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable (NATL) Absolute Lord and
Proprietor of the Province of Maryland, and Colon, Lord Baron of Baltimore by Prorogation from the Twenty Eighth
Day of May In the Year 1737 (appeared in the Lower House of Assembly the following Members—

The Honourable James Harris Esq^r Speaker

For St. Marys County	For Charles County	For Kent County	For Somerset County	For Cecil County
Major Boardman	M ^r John Boardman	M ^r Wilson		
M ^r Read—	M ^r Wm. Middleton	M ^r Kennard		
M ^r Wadsworth	Ed. Hanson—	M ^r Stale—		Ed. Ward—
	M ^r Hawkin—			

For Ann Arundell County	For Talbot County	For Baltimore County
M ^r Hammond	M ^r Edmonson—	M ^r Sherodine
M ^r Denton—	M ^r Needles	M ^r Hamilton
M ^r Dulany		M ^r Meale—
M ^r Warfield—		M ^r Mathews—

For Calvert County	For Dorchester County	For Prince Georges County
Ed. Mackerell		M ^r Magruder
M ^r Smith—		Major Sprigg—
Major Skinner		

For the City of Annapolis
Captⁿ Gordon—
M^r Richard Francis

For Queen Anns County
M^r Fildrum—
M^r Pemberton

A Sufficient Number of Members to compose a Lower House of Assembly being met
Ed. Hanson and Ed. Ward ordered to Acquaint his Excellency the Governor Therewith

M^r Speaker Esq^r from the Upper House Acquaints M^r Speaker the Governor requires
The Attendance of the Members of the Lower House of Assembly in the Council Chamber
M^r Speaker and the rest of the Members of this House went to the Council Chamber
The Governor made the following Speech—
Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly—

I have with Concern Found myself under a necessity of calling you Together at this Season of the
Year, which was Occasioned by the very great Drought that has happened this Summer whereby we have
been Deprived from all Parts of the Province there is great reason to apprehend a Scarcity of grain among
Our Solvers if the most Speedy and Effectual Methods be not used to prevent it which is the more
to be feared from the want of grain in foreign Parts which may be an Inducement to give a great
Price to such amongst us as can spare any and a great Price, the greatest Temptation to sell

I thought it my Duty on so Important and pressing an Occasion to use all the means possible
to prevent the Exportation of grain, and to that End, with the Advice of his Excellency
of State I issued a Proclamation which I hope has had some Effect, but as it is the Legislature
only that can provide Effectually in the present Case so we are now met together for that End and
Whatever you shall think necessary for the Welfare and Safety of the People of Maryland
you may depend on my Concurrence—

M^r Speaker and the rest of the Members of this House that
M^r Dulany and M^r Richard Francis Appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency on his Speech

The Several Committees Appointed last Session are Continued this Session

The House adjourns until to morrow morning at 9 of the Clock