

Voted if the address should be carryed down to his Ex^{cy} L. H. J. without any alteration or Amendm^t and Carried in the affirmative.

Ordered that M^r Iacob Moreland M^r Iames Saunders, Major Tho^s Smith, M^r Iames Crauford, Major Iames Smallwood, M^r Tho^s Staley M^r Richard Tilghman, Major Thomas Ennalls, M^r Iohn Carvile and Major W^m Barton, Carry the said address to his Ex^{cy}

The house adjournes till one of the clock.

Eod: die, The house mett againe and were present as before.

M^r Speaker informs the house that hed rec^d a message from his Ex^{cy} since the house adjourned that the house should attend upon his Ex^{cy} Instantly.

M^r Speaker and the house go downe to the Councill Chamber.

Att the Councill Chamber, the house was called over and were absent Cap^t Thomas Waughop, M^r W^m Taylard, M^r Philip Clarke, Major Iohn Lowe, M^r Thomas Beale, M^r George Ashman, M^r W^m Hemsley, M^r Ffrancis Ienkins, M^r Iohn Bozman, M^r Walter Lane, and M^r Sam^l Collins.

His Ex^{cy} was pleased to order the address sent on behalfe of M^r Philip Clarke to be read, which accordingly was done.

Whereupon his Ex^{cy} Informs them that he would make distinctions amongst them and se who were for the King and who were against him for that M^r Philip Clarke is held in prison for being Guilty of the breach of the Act of Assembly of this province ag^t Divulgers of falce news for the breach of which he hath been found guilty, as well as by the oaths of the Grand Jury for the body of this province as by the Oaths of the Petit Iury upon his tryall, and the Oaths of other evidences.

His Ex^{cy} was pleased to order the af^d act of Assembly ag^t Divulgers of falce news together with M^r Bladen deposicōn to be read.

Which accordingly was done.

Whereupon his Ex^{cy} was pleased to inform the house that he is Imprisoned for six months by the virtue of that act and that whosoever shall Endeavour to take him out of the Kings prison he must declare him or them to be a Rebell or Rebels.

And his Ex^{cy} further Remarked that he admired how they could say the prayer in the Litany ag^t Sedicion, and act as he apprehended it, so seditiously.

His Excellency ordered the house to returne back.

M^r Speaker and the house returne back, and M^r Speaker having taking the chaire.

The house was adjourned for an hour.