

p<sup>r</sup>esented their Speaker to the Governour, who made a Small P. R. O.  
Speech for Excuse, Disabling himselfe by many inqualifications, humbly desireing his Excellency to nominate some more able & sufficient member of the same house, to which his Excellency replied th' he did very well allow of their choice, for he returned his Ex<sup>cy</sup> his humble thanks, for thinking him worthy of Executeing a place of soe great charge and Trust promiseing to use his utmost care and Diligence therein, and soe offered unto him, in the name and on the behalfe of the said house the accustomed Priviledges, and Freedome, and that they may haue access to his person upon urgent occasions and free Liberty of Speech, which being granted M<sup>r</sup> Speaker, and the Severall Members aforesaid, and then present in the Councill Chamber, tooke the severall othes of Allegiance, and abhorrency, and the oath of abjuration, which they severally signed, and also the Test, and William Tayllard the Clerke of this House haveing taken the severall oaths aforesaid

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Governour was pleased to say to them as followeth vizt.

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker, and you gent of the house of Delegates

Since her Majesty has been graciously pleased to intrust me, with this Charge, I think itt proper to acquaint you I haue long serued the Crowne, with a dutyfull fidelity and haue alwayes been a True lover of my Country, under its noble constitution in Church and State.

To a truely honest man of what perswasion so ever my Ears and Bosom too shall be ever open, for good Moralls will alwayes haue a just Esteem in my friendship, and a well grounded sincerity shall never be denyed a rightfull Clayme to my Protection.

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As our gracious Mistress the Queen allowes a free Tolerance to all her Protestant Subjects, within this Province, you shall haue my concurrent assistance in Every thing that has vertue and religion at bottom, not Doubting of yours to punish all sort of Prophaneness, Immorality and faction.

You shall haue a Scheme gent of those Laws her Ma<sup>ty</sup> would haue amended, and of others to be Enacted, worthy your consideraōn, there are none proposed but what are thought highly necessary, and most of them for yo<sup>r</sup> Ease and advantage, What concernes my selfe I hope you'll soe farr concurr with her Majestyes good intentions towards me, to thinke I may haue as faire a pretence to your fav<sup>r</sup> as my Immediate predecessor.