

In answer whereto the following Message is Prepared Viz. U. H. J.

By the Uper House of Assembly

May the 15th 1719.

Gent. This House Concurrns with your House in the Times proposed for your dayly meeting and Adjourning dure- p. 18
ing this Sessions

Signed p Order John Beard Cl Up ho.

Sent to the Lower House by Col Addison who Returns and Says he Delivered it.

M^r Joseph Hill and M^r Thomas Edmondson Present to this House, M^r John Brannock a Member Chosen for Dorchester County to be Qualified by takeing the severall Oaths Appointed to be taken to the Government. Who Accordingly in their presence qualifyes himself by takeing the said Severall Oaths, and withdraws.

His Excellency layes before this House the Lawyers Opinions relating to the Act for the better Supporting the Magistrates in the Administration of Justice within this Province, And for the Disabling Thomas Macnemara Esq^r to practice the Law therein as follows Viz.

Thomas Macnemara mentioned in the within Act is a Barrister at Law of the Society of Grays Inn, and thò he lived at Annapolis, where the Assembly that made the within Law Satt yet he never was Called upon or sumoned to Appear before the Assembly to answer any Charge against him but the Act was Carryed with so much Secrecy That he had no Opportunity of Justifying and Defending himself, And tho he by accident had some Intimation of it And did thereupon Exhibit A Petition Praying leave to be heard against the Bill yet no Order was made upon it but after the Assembly was Prorogued their Clerk return'd him his Petition without any Answer p. 19

The General Insinuations Contained in the Preamble are in themselves Groundless and the said Macnemara's greatest Enemies have not been able to prove any undue or Unfair Practice on him in onc Single Instance

1 Querie. Whether an Act grounded on such general Surmises and carryed on in such a manner be not Illegal & Arbitrary And whether the Lord Proprietary Ought not in Justice to Dissassent thereto, as being a thing without Precedent And Touching on the Freehold and Liberty of the Subject and whether any Facts mentioned in the Preamble of the said Act do in Law Unqualify the said Macnemara from his Practice