

For Talbot County,
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M.^r Matthew Tilghman.

For Frederick County,
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M.^r Nathan Magruder.

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A sufficient Number of the Members of the Lower House of Assembly being convened at the Stadt-House, Ordered, That Col. Hooper and Mr. J. Goldsborough do acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker with their having delivered the Message.

Col. Hammond, and Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately, in the Upper House. p. 416

Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and (attended by the Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House; where his Excellency made the following Speech, viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

I am very much concerned that the great Progress, the vast Preparations, and the avowed Designs of our common Enemy, whose Encroachments and Depredations on his Majesty's Territories, occasioned our last Meeting, have necessitated the neighbouring Governments to repeat again, most earnestly, their Sollicitations for us to engage and unite with them, in supporting his Majesty's just Right and Pretensions to these his American Dominions, at this Time attacked and invaded. Some Letters and Papers that I shall submit to your Perusal, will shew to what a Pass Matters are already come; what Armaments have been and are now making against us; what Wrongs and Indignities the Enemy hath already offered; with what Arrogance they presume to obstruct the Freedom of a Commerce that has been enjoyed by our Ancestors, without Interruption, ever since the English first made Settlements on the Continent.

The particular and express Orders which his Majesty has been pleased to give for raising Fortresses on the Ohio, and the Resolutions taken in a neighbouring Colony, after the most abundant Caution, as they serve to confirm me in my private Opinion, concerning the indubitable Property of the Country Westward of these Provinces, may, I hope, with some Effect be urged to obviate and remove such Scruples and Doubts as have lately been started, about the Extent of his Majesty's American Dominions.

Did I think such Motives were wanting, I might set before you the Examples of the several Provinces around us, to warm and incite you to a generous Emulation of the laudable Zeal they have shewn for the common Cause, and to a just Resentment of the Insults that have been offered the British Name and Dignity: But from a Persuasion that you will be actuated by more noble Principles, than such as arise from the Fear of Censure, I shall satisfy