

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 23^d day of February in the fifth year of His Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1756

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Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r Governor

The Hon. ^{ble}	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq. ^r Col. ^o Charles Hammond Samuel Chamberlaine Esq. ^r	}	Col. ^o Benjamin Tasker Benedict Calvert Esq. ^r
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Mess.^{rs} Govane and [Smallwood] from the Lower House Acquaint His Excellency that there is a Sufficient Number of Members met to make a house and wait His Excellency's Commands

Colonel Charles Hammond and Samuel Chamberlaine Esq.^r are Sent to the Lower House to Acquaint them that His Excellency requires their immediate Attendance in the Upper House

The Lower House Attend and His Excellency is pleased to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

I meet you at this time to give you an Opportunity of Providing for your own Immediate Safety and of Contributing to the Execution of a Plan that in Obedience to His Majestys Instructions to General Shirley has been Concerted for Preventing the farther Encroachments of His Majestys Ambitions on his American dominions and dispossessing them of what they have most unjustly and in Manifest Violation of Treaties, lately made themselves Masters of; In Confidence that you will keep them Secret I shall for your Satisfaction lay before you a Copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings of a Council of War held at New York Together with some Papers that I received from the General therewith whence you will learn what Supplies are Expected from His Majestys Several Colonies on this Continent towards Carrying the Proposed Plan into Execution, And as I doubt not but you are affected with as deep a sense of the danger of Suffering the Enemy to make any further Progress and of your duty to His Majesty as any of your fellow Subjects in the Neighbouring Provinces I persuade myself you will acquit your-