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A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose a Lower House of Assembly, being convened at the Stadt-House; Ordered, That Mr. John Goldsborough and Col. Tilghman do acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, They delivered the Message.

Col. Hammond, and Col. Tasker, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor requires the Attendance of the Members of the Lower House in the Upper House immediately.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the Rest of the Members of the Lower House) attended his Excellency in the Upper House; where he made the following Speech, viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

His Majesty having nothing so much at Heart, as to improve the great and important Advantages gained the last Campaign, as well as to repair the Disappointment at Ticonderoga, and by the most vigorous and extensive Efforts, to avert, by the Blessing of God on his Arms, all Dangers which may threaten North-America, from any future Irruptions of the French, and not doubting but all his faithful and brave Subjects here, will chearfully co-operate with, and second, to the utmost, the extraordinary Succours supplied by the Kingdom of Great-Britain for our Preservation and Defence: He hath been pleased to order the Right Honourable William Pitt, Esq; one of his principal Secretaries of State, to write to the Governors of these Colonies, and require them once more to convene the General Assemblies of their respective Provinces, and urge them to raise, with all possible Dispatch, as large a Body of Men as the Circumstances of each Province will allow, to act in Conjunction with such of the King's Regular Troops, as may, during the ensuing Campaign, be employed against his Enemies on this Continent: In Obedience therefore to his Majesty's Commands, so signified to me, I meet you again at this Time, and that you may the better know what is expected from us, I shall lay before you several Letters that I have lately received from the Secretary of State, and from General Amherst; the Contents whereof will, I hope, induce you to embrace the Opportunity which now presents itself, the last probably that you will have of making Amends, in some Sort, for your Failure last Year, by a ready and dutiful Performance of the Service, which, in Pursuance of his Majesty's Commands, is now so earnestly recommended to us.

A Copy of which the Governor delivered to Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker (with the Rest of the Members) returned to the Lower House, and re-assumed the Chair.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be Read, which accordingly was, and ordered to lie on the Table.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following letters viz.^t