

THURSDAY Morning 28th April 1715

The House met according to adjournment present as on yesterday. There was read the proceedings of this House on yesterday. Ordered that the Minutes of this House to give to the Reverend Mr. Salisburie, the Speaker of the House for the Excellent Sermon he preached yesterday before his Excellency the Governour and Council and the members of this House by Mr. Bradley, Mr. Byler, Capt. Marriot, Mr. Abing, Mr. Justice and Capt. God. They returned and say they returned him than commanding by.

Mr. Richard Colegate a member for Salisbury County appeared this day in the House. Ordered that Mr. James Macwell and Major James Whitehead go up along with him to the Council Chamber to see him qualified by taking the usual Oaths as presented by the Parliament. They returned and say they see him qualified accordingly.

The House adjourns till one a Clock in the afternoon. The House met according to adjournment present as in the morning. The Petition of Richard Manning being read it is Ordered that the several parties concerned meet at the Bar of this House at eight of the Clock tomorrow morning in Order for a full debate of the matter alledged in the Petition.

Ordered that Mr. Thomas Stoddworth and Mr. Benjamin Tasker go up to the Council Chamber along with Mr. Pholfe unvall officer of Tolowmuck to see him prove his Accounts. They returned and say they see him prove his Accounts. The House adjourns till tomorrow morning eight a Clock.

Friday morning 29 April 1715

The House met again according to adjournment present as on yesterday. There was read the proceedings of this House on yesterday. Mr. Mathew Filman Ward from the Committee of Sales delivers Mr. Speaker an Answer to his Excellency's speech which being read is approved of and Ordered to be entered as follows viz.

To his Excellency the Governour
May it please your Excellency

We the Delegates of this Province at this time assembled beg leave to returne of equity our most hearty and unfeigned thanks for your most favourable speech and humbly beg leave to joyne with your Excellency in expressing our thanks to Heaven for His most Excellent Majesty King George's peaceable accession to the Throne of his Empire the most happy remedy if could be thought the great power lately refused with for the loss of the best of Queens.

Nothing can make us more truly sensible of the greatness of this blessing than to see our Religion laws and liberties secured in his Majesty's Royal person and thus which puts an effectual stop to those insinuations that were lately dispersed thro' his Majesty's Dominion that those invaluable advantages were in danger than which nothing would be more grievous to us and which now is kindly removed by his Majesty's peaceable possession of the Crown according to the intention of the Succession in the protestant line which we shall strictly adhere and always endeavour to approve our blood a dutifull and Loyal people. We shall apply our selves with the utmost diligence to the inspection of our duties and to supply the Defects that shall be found therein.

We humbly submit to your Excellency's opinion that since there has been no Act of Parliament lately made in great Britain for the encouraging the Slave Trade it will not now be proper for this House to enter upon any thing of that nature in this Province and it is with the utmost sense of gratitude imaginable we acknowledge that most gracious and plentiful provision of the Crown in parting with the Colonies a part of His Revenue for our benefit.

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