

Mr. *Beale*, and Mr. *Warfield*, were ordered to attend the Governor, to acquaint Him, That this House hath chose Mr. *Michael Macnemara* to be their Clerk, and that the House desired his Approbation thereto: They return, and acquaint the House, they delivered their Message; and that the Governor was pleased to approve of the said *Macnemara*; and that they saw him qualified before His Excellency the Governor, in the Upper House, as Clerk of this House, by taking the several Oaths required by Law, repeating the Test, and by signing the Oath of Abjuration, and Test, and by taking the Oath of Office, in the Words following, *viz.*

*I*OU Michael Macnemara do swear, That as Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly, you shall true Entries make, of all such Matters and Things as by the Honourable Speaker, for the Time being, and that House, shall be to you directed: The Secrets of the said House you shall not divulge, to the Prejudice of the House, or any Member thereof; but shall in all Things, as Clerk to the said House, well and truly demean your self, according to the best of your Knowledge.
So help you G O D.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning, Eight of the Clock.



Friday Morning, August 20, 1731.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all were present as Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. *Matthews* appeared in the House this Day.

The House *Resolve*, That the Time of Sitting, this Session, be according to the Hours of Sitting last Session. X

The House continue the Gentlemen of the several Committees appointed last Session, in the same Committees this Session.

The following Message, *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, August 20, 1731.

May it please your Honours,

This House hath *Resolved*, That the Time of Sitting, during this Session, be from Eight of the Clock in the Morning to Twelve, and from Two of the Clock in the Afternoon to Six; and desireth to know if the Time proposed be agreeable to your Honours.

Sign'd per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by Capt. *Gordon* and Mr. *Courts*: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker with the Delivery thereof.

The Committee of Laws were ordered to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on his Speech, at the Opening of this Session.

John Rousby, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker the following Message: X

By the Upper House of Assembly, 20 August, 1731.

Gentlemen,

The Times of Sitting, for the Dispatch of the Publick Business, proposed by your Message of this Day, by Mr. *Gordon* and Mr. *Courts*, are agreeable to this House.

Sign'd per Order, J. Rofs, Cl. Up. Ho.

Col. *Ward*, from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker Two Petitions, from the Vestry and Inhabitants of *Durham* Parish, severally indorsed thus: X

By the Upper House of Assembly, 20 August, 1731.

Read, and Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

Sign'd per Order, J. Rofs, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which said Petitions were severally read here, and referred to the Consideration of the next Assembly.

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