

as may be thought most proper to promote our own Welfare and Prosperity; a Privilege from which We shall always reap Advantages, in Proportion to the Wisdom and Prudence that govern our Consultations: Therefore, as We are now met together for that Purpose, I hope You will apply Your selves to the Service of Your Country, with an Attention suitable to the Occasion; there being many Things, particularly relating to our truly valuable Staple of Tobacco, that will readily occur to You, very well worth Your serious Consideration.

*Gentlemen of the Lower House,*

I MUST, in a particular Manner, recommend to You, the Revival of the Law for the Provision of Arms and Ammunition; a Law so absolutely necessary for the Defence of the Province, that was I to neglect any Opportunity of Pressing it, I might be justly thought wanting in that Care and Vigilance for Your Safety, which my Duty, in my present Station, indispensibly requires of me; it being very certain (tho' the unsettled Condition of Affairs in *Europe* may call upon Us more particularly at this Time) that it is our Interest always to have the Province in such a Posture of Defence, as may be sufficient, not only to defeat, but even prevent, any Attack from Our Enemies.

*Gentlemen of Both Houses,*

I BELIEVE I need not use many Words, to persuade You to Temper and Moderation in Your Proceedings; it being very plain to reasonable Men, (whatever Weak People may think,) that the true Interest of the Province can never be pursued, without a good Agreement between the several Branches of the Legislature. This I shall always endeavour to promote as much as lies in my Power, as the only Way to lay a sure and lasting Foundation for our future Happiness; and make no Doubt of meeting with Your hearty Concurrence.

The House return'd; Mr. *Speaker* re-assum'd the Chair.

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Clerk; and chose Mr. *Michael Macnemara*.

Mr. *Hammand*, and Mr. *Hemsley*, sent to the Upper House, to present the said *Macnemara* to the Governor, for his Approbation; and to see him qualified. They return and acquaint Mr. *Speaker*, the Governor approved the Choice; and that they saw the said *Macnemara* there qualified, by his taking the several Oaths to the Government, required by Law, and repeating and signing the Test, and taking the Oath of Office.

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

Friday Morning, *March 21, 1734.*

THE House met according to Adjournment. Mr. *Roger Matthews*, a Representative elected for *Baltimore* County, appeared this Day.

Mr. *Thomas Johnson*, a Representative for *Cecil* County, appeared this Day.