

Mr. George, and Mr. Sberedino, sent to see Mr. Matthews, and Mr. Johnson, qualified, in the Upper House. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they saw them qualified, by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, and signing the said Oaths; and by repeating and signing the Test.

*Resolved*, That the Hours of Sitting, be, from Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, until Twelve; and from Two of the Clock, until Five, in the Afternoon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Warfield acquaint the Rev. Mr. Humphreys, That this House desires him to read Divine Service, in the Forenoon, and Afternoon, during this Session.

The Rules of the House to be observed this Assembly, being read, are agreed to.

The following Message, *viz.*

*By the Lower House of Assembly, March 21, 1734.*

*May it please your Honours,*

This House hath *Resolved*, That the Hours of Sitting, for Dispatch of Publick Business, during this Session, be, from Nine of the Clock before Noon, until Twelve; and from Two of the Clock, until Five, after Noon: And desireth to know, if the Time proposed, be agreeable to your Honours.

*Sign'd per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl<sup>r</sup> Lo. Ho.*

Sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Hemsley, and Mr. Matthews: who return, and say, they delivered the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker issue his Warrant to the Secretary, to make out a new Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of Cecil County, to elect a new Member to serve in this Assembly; in the room of Col. Ephraim Augustine Herman who died since the last Election.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message:

*By the Upper House of Assembly, 21 March, 1734.*

*Gentlemen*, The Times for Sitting, to dispatch the Publick Business, as proposed in your Message of this Day, by Messieurs Hemsley and Matthews, are agreeable to this House.

*Sign'd per Order, J. Rofs, Cl<sup>r</sup> Up. Ho.*

The *Resolves* of this House, in the Year 1725, being now read, are agreed to; except where Alterations are made in them by express Acts of Assembly: And whereas it is contained in the said *Resolves*, That the Clerk of this House should sign all Proceedings, as Clerk of the House of Delegates, and in no other Manner; upon which, some Disputes have formerly arisen between the Two Houses of Assembly: For Prevention of any Dispute which may retard the Dispatch of Publick Business, it is now *Resolved*, That all Proceedings, shall be signed by the said Clerk, as Clerk of the Lower House: *Always saving*, to the Members of this House, and the People they represent, and their Posterity, all their Rights and Privileges whatsoever; and protesting, that those Rights and Privileges shall not nor ought to be hurt, prejudiced or lessened, by the Clerk of this House his Signing the Proceedings thereof, as Clerk of the Lower House.

The House adjourns 'til Two o' Clock after Noon.

Friday,