

“ The House being incapable of proceeding any further on Business (with
 “ Conveniency) through the Want of a Clerk, made choice of Mr. Michael
 “ Macnemara the late Clerk. Mr. Beale and Mr. Warfield were ordered
 “ to go to the Upper House to see Mr. Macnemara qualified, as Clerk to
 “ this House: They return and acquaint the House, that they saw him
 “ qualified, by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by
 “ Law, repeating the Test, signing the said several Oaths and Test, and
 “ taking the Oath of Office.”

And that they desired Mr. Macnemara might be qualified: They return
 and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they deliver'd their Message and the Extract from
 the Journal, to the Governor in the Upper House; who was pleased to sig-
 nify to them, “ That he would consider the same, and return an Answer
 “ to the Lower House.”

The House adjourns 'til Tomorrow Morning at 9 o' Clock.

Wednesday Morning, May 10, 1749.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Harris, Dr. Carroll, and Mr. Robert Lloyd, are appointed a
 Committee to search in the Offices for Precedents in the Journals of Asem-
 bly, relating to the Manner of choosing and appointing Clerks, and to make
 Report thereof to the House.

Mr. Bayne Smallwood, Mr. John Stoddert, and Mr. Arthur Lee, Mem-
 bers returned to serve in this Assembly for Charles County, appeared in the
 House. Capt. Addison and Mr. Wilson were sent to the Upper House with
 those Gentlemen, to see them there qualified: They return and acquaint
 Mr. Speaker, they saw them qualified in the usual manner.

The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the follow-
 ing Message; viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I Have consider'd your Message by Mr. Harris and Dr. Buchanan, and have searched the Journals of the
 Upper House, in which I find the following Messages by the Lower House of Assembly, in presenting
 their Clerk for the Governor's Approbation. “ July, 1732. Mr. Beale and Mr. Warfield, from the Low-
 “ er House, acquaint his Excellency, that their House had made choice of Mr. Michael Macnemara for
 “ their Clerk, and hopes for his Excellency's Approbation; who is pleased to approve of him the said Mac-
 “ nemara, and thereupon he takes the Oaths to the Government appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly,
 “ and subscribed the Atjuration and Test, and also takes the usual Oath of Office, and then withdrew.”

“ March, 1734. The same Message by Messieurs Hammond and Hensley.

“ May, 1738. Messieurs Dulany and Denton present to the Governor Mr. Macnemara, as Clerk, for his
 “ Approbation; who return to their House, and afterwards the same Gentlemen came again to see him
 “ qualified.

“ May, 1739. Messieurs Denton and Lloyd present to the Governor Mr. Macnemara, as Clerk, for his
 “ Approbation; who return to their House, and afterwards the same Gentlemen came again to see him
 “ qualified.

“ September, 1742. Messieurs Dulany and Wootton present to the Governor Mr. Macnemara, as Clerk,
 “ for his Approbation; who return to their House, and afterwards Messieurs Calder and Thomas attend to
 “ see him qualified.

“ August, 1745. Messieurs Goldborough and Henry present Mr. Tilghman, as Clerk, for the Governor's
 “ Approbation; who return to their House, and afterwards the same Gentlemen came again to see him
 “ qualified.

“ March, 1745. Messieurs Lloyd and Harrison present to the Governor Mr. Tilghman, as Clerk, for his
 “ Approbation, who return to their House; and afterwards the same Gentlemen came again to see him qualified.

“ November, 1746. Messieurs Key and Gresham present to the Governor for his Approbation, Mr. Mac-
 “ nemara, as Clerk, in the Room of Mr. Tilghman, who resigned; and afterwards the same Gentlemen
 “ came again to see him qualified.”

By these Messages you will see the uninterrupted Course of proceeding, since my first Arrival in the Pro-
 vince 'til this Time: And if you look in the Journal of the Year 1700, when the Lower House seems first
 to have chosen their Clerk, you will not only see the Governor's Approbation necessary, but the Reason of
 it; the Lower House being satisfied that the Appointment of their Clerk was really in the Governor, and
 only permitted to them out of his Condescension, as they themselves express it, with this express Condition,
 of presenting him for Approbation; all which you will see clearly in the following Abstract.

“ April