

" April, 1700. Came from the House Col. John Thompson, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Smith, Mr. Richard Telghman, and Mr. John Wight, who acquaint his Excellency, that the House is met according to Proclamation of Prorogation to this Day; and desire his Excellency will be pleas'd to appoint them a Clerk.

" Whereupon the following Message was sent to the House by the Honourable Col. Jencks and Thomas Tench, Esq;

" By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly, April 26, 1700.

" Gentlemen,

" Understanding by your verbal Message, by Major Thomas Smith, and three others of your Members, that your House is met according to Proclamation of Prorogation to this Day, and that you desire a Clerk to be appointed you; his Excellency is pleas'd to leave it to your House to nominate such Clerk, and present him to him for his Approbation, no one having as yet address'd his Excellency for that Office.

" Signed per Order, W. Bladen, Cl. Council.

" Came Capt. Richard Hill, Mr. James Saunders, and four other Members, who return the Thanks of the House to his Excellency for his great Condescension, and acquaint him that the House are very desirous to have Mr. William Taylard, one of their Members; to be their Clerk, if his Excellency be pleas'd to assent thereto.

" An Answer to which was sent by Col. Charles Hutchins and Col. John Addison.

" By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly, April 26, 1700.

" Since the House have offer'd Mr. William Taylard to be their Clerk, his Excellency is pleas'd to say, that he does approve of him to be a fit and qualified Person for the Execution of that Office; and if the House will dispense with his Service in Regard of his being one of their Members, he is willing to commissionate him.

" Signed per Order, W. Bladen, Cl. Council.

" Then came Mr. William Hutchinson, with four more of the Delegates, and say, the House return their hearty Thanks to his Excellency for his Condescension, and signify the House's Willingness to dispense with the Service of their Member, and intreat his Excellency to commissionate him to be their Clerk."

The only Reason that you offer for the Alteration you propose is, that no mention is made of the Governor's Approbation, in your Clerk's Entry of the Message in July, 1732, by Mr. Beale and Mr. Warfield; but surely the not mentioning any Fact is no Proof against it's not having pass'd, when it is expressly recorded in another Journal, agreeable to the whole Tenor of the Records of both Houses, in other Instances relating to this Affair.

I have been the more particular upon this Subject, that no Doubt may remain with your House about an Affair, that seems so very clear and evident; and you may be assur'd, that when any real Privileges of your House are in Question, I shall have the same just Regard for them, that I think myself oblig'd to have for the just Rights of his Lordship.

SAM. COLE,

May 10, 1749.

*The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.
Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

Col. Robert King and Major Robert Jenkins Henry, two returned Members to serve in this Assembly for Somerset County, and Col. Edward Sprigg, a returned Member for Prince George's County, appeared in the House.

Capt. Addison, Mr. Murdock, Capt. Handy, and Capt. Waggaman, 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.

The House appointed Mr. Thomas King, Serjeant at Arms, to attend this House; and also appointed Mr. Thomas Sparrow Door-Keeper: Ordered, That Col. Hooper do administer to them the several Oaths required by Law, and the Oath of Office.

Col. Hooper acquaints Mr. Speaker, that Thomas King and Thomas Sparrow took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and repeated and subscribed the Test in his Presence, and took the following Oaths of Office; viz.

*You Thomas King do swear, that you will faithfully, diligently, and honestly discharge the Office of Serjeant at Arms to the Lower House of Assembly; and you shall not disclose or reveal the Secrets thereof.
So help you God.*

*You Thomas Sparrow do swear, that you will faithfully, diligently, and honestly discharge the Office of Door-Keeping to the Lower House of Assembly; and that you shall not disclose or reveal the Secrets thereof.
So help you God.*

Dr. Carroll,