

Col. *Henry* and Mr. *Smallwood* are sent to acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath made Choice of a Speaker.

Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaints the Members of this House, that the Governor requires their Attendance to present their Speaker.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House, and presented the Speaker to the Governor.

His Excellency approved the Choice, and made the following Speech :

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

IT is with great Concern I now call you together, on the melancholy Occasion of the Death of our late noble and worthy Proprietor, whose Loss must be truly lamented by every Man who wishes well to the Trade and Prosperity of *Great-Britain*; and especially of her Colonies, whose Happiness, from the strongest Motives of Inclination and Interest, he had constantly and sincerely at Heart.

But however great our own particular Loss may be by this unhappy Event, on which I sincerely condole with you; it must be no small Satisfaction to us to think, that our present Lord Proprietor is so near being of Age; from whose early good Sense, and other promising Qualities, we have all the Reason in the World to hope for the Enjoyment of those Blessings, that naturally flow from a mild and equitable Government, whoever may be intrusted with the Administration of Affairs.

As for my own Part, I can truly say, it has been always my sincere Desire to promote your Welfare in every Respect, to the utmost of my Power; nor indeed can the Proprietor be served any other Way so effectually, as his Revenue must of Course increase with the Number and Riches of his Tenants.

But it is unnecessary to enlarge upon this Subject, or to recommend any particular Law at present to your Consideration, as my only View in meeting you at this unseasonable Time of the Year is to give you an Opportunity of aiding such of our late public Proceedings as may have any Deficiency in Point of Law; and when this is done, I presume you will be desirous of returning immediately to your respective Homes.

Mr. Speaker returned (with the rest of the Members of the Lower House), and resumed the Chair.

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Clerk, and chose Mr. *Michael Macnemara*. Ordered, That Capt. *Lee* and Col. *Scarborough* do acquaint his Excellency therewith, and desire his Approbation: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Message, and that the Governor signified his Approbation of the Choice. Ordered, That Capt. *Lee* and Col. *Scarborough* do go with Mr. *Macnemara* to the Upper House to see him qualified, as Clerk of this House: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker that they saw him take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribe the Oath of Abjuration, repeat and subscribe the Test, and take the following Oath of Office; *viz.*

You 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 yourself according to the best of your Knowledge. So help you God.

The House appointed Mr. *Thomas King* Serjeant at Arms, and Mr. *Thomas Sparrow* Door-keeper; and Ordered That they do severally take the Oaths to the Government, and Oath of Office.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Worthington*, Mr. *Wootton*, Mr. *Stoddert*, Mr. *Smallwood*, Mr. *John Goldsborough*, Mr. *Hyland*, and Mr. *Tilghman*, be a Committee of Elections and Privileges..

Ordered,