

Ordered, That General ABERCROMBIE'S Letter be Read; which was accordingly.

Resolved, That the Rules ordered to be observed by the several Members of this House last Session, be observed as such during this Session.

Resolved, That the Hours of Sitting this Session, for Dispatch of Public Business, be from Eight of the Clock in the Morning until One, and from Two of the Clock Afternoon until Six.

Ordered, That Mr. Goldborough do acquaint the Reverend Mr. Clement Brooke, That he is requested to Read Divine Service at Three Quarters of an Hour after Seven in the Morning, and at Six of the Clock in the Evening, during this Session.

On Motion, his Excellency's Speech was again Read.

Ordered, That an Address be prepared in Answer thereto; and that Mr. Murdock, Colonel Tilghman, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Carroll, do prepare and bring in such Address.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending the Lower House of Assembly, do summons Mr. John Reeder, Mr. Henry Greenfield Sothoron, Mr. Edmund Key, Mr. William Rafin, Mr. John Tilden, Philip Hammond, Esq; Capt. John Gassaway, Mr. James John Mackall, Mr. Benjamin Mackall, Capt. Arthur Lee, Mr. Henry Waggaman, Capt. Henry Lowes, Mr. Levin Gale, Mr. Samuel Wilson, Mr. Joseph Cox Gray, Mr. Daniel Sullivan, Mr. Philemon Lecompte, Mr. John Hammond Dorsey, Mr. Nicholas Highland, Mr. Henry Baker, Mr. Henry Ward, Mr. Francis King, Mr. Emory Sudter, Col. John Scarborough, Col. John Henry, and Mr. Benton Harris, Members of this House, to attend immediately the Public Business; and that the Clerk do make a Copy of this Order, and deliver it to the Serjeant.

Mr. Pollard Edmondson having by his Letter (communicated to the House) an Excuse for being absent; therefore his Attendance is for the present dispensed with.

Mr. Stoddert having by his Letter (communicated to the House) an Excuse for being absent, his Attendance for the present is dispensed with.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, March 29, 1758.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings were Read.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Benjamin Mackall and Mr. Sothoron appeared in the House.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

AS you have frequently made such Declarations as induce me to believe, that you look upon the Cultivating the Friendship of the Southern Tribes of Indians, and Engaging their Assistance against his Majesty's Enemies, as a Matter of very great Consequence to the Common Cause, and the immediate Security of our Frontier Inhabitants, I hope you will now, without any Hesitation, empower me to give the Party of Cherokees that has continued with us ever since November last, such a Reward as might encourage them to remain in the Service to the End of the ensuing Campaign. Most of you were present Yesterday, and heard what Osofity, their Chief, said, when he addressed himself to me in their Behalf. I propose to give him an Answer as soon as you shall be pleased to advise me of your Resolutions, that those of them that are here may be at Liberty to return again to the Frontiers, where their Presence will, at this Time, be of great Service, and in all Probability, contribute much to the Security of the Inhabitants.

I lay before you some Accounts from Mr. Gift, for sundry Goods that he has supplied this Party with since they came from home, together with the Accounts of several People that have Victualled Osofity, and the Party now in Town, since they left Fort Frederick; which you will, I hope, with the Concurrence of the other Branches of the Legislature, authorize the Agents to pay.

29th March, 1758.

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Which was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen who were on the standing Committees last Session, be continued thereon this Session.

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