

shall have come to some Resolution with Regard to the General's Letter; to which, I hope, you will very soon enable me to give such an Answer as might convince him that you merit the Confidence he hath been pleased to repose in this Assembly, and that you Meet determined to demonstrate by your Proceedings, more than by Professions, that you are pleased with the extraordinary Zeal which our Troops have shewn for his Majesty's Service, and the Honour of the Province; and that notwithstanding the ill Opinion which some, who are Strangers to the real Principles of the Inhabitants of *Maryland*, have been led to entertain of them, there are not in his Majesty's Dominions, more loyal nor more dutiful Subjects.

Mr. Speaker (with the Rest of the Members) Returned to the Lower House, and Re-assumed the Chair. The House proceeded to choose a Clerk, and made Choice of Mr. *Michael Macnemara*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Murdock* and Capt. *Gassaway* do acquaint his Excellency with the Choice which this House hath made of a Clerk, and to desire his Approbation. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they delivered the Message.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robert Lloyd* and Col. *Hopper* 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, sign the Oath of Abjuration, and repeat and sign the Test, and take the following Oath of Office:

**Y**OU 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.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech (a Copy of which the Governor delivered to Mr. Speaker) be Read; which was accordingly; and Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

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Camp at Carlisle, July 20th, 1758.

**H**AVING considered what you have told me concerning the Situation of your *Maryland* Troops, and particularly about the distressed Condition of the Officers, and of Mr. *Ross*, by whom your Forces have been Victualled since the Money which was granted by your Assembly for their Support, was expended; and being very averse to your Troops being disbanded at this critical Juncture, when, in all Probability, I shall have great Occasion for their Service; I am induced to advance a Sum of Money towards Relieving those Gentlemen, in some Measure, from the Difficulties wherein they are involved, by the late extraordinary Conduct of your Assembly, and to encourage your Troops to keep together during the Campaign. As I do not take upon myself to pay your Troops the Arrears that are due to them, or satisfy Mr. *Ross*, but expect that your Assembly will, out of the Supplies which they shall grant at their next Meeting, appropriate a Sum for those Purposes, I shall not concern myself with any Account whatever; That I leave to your Assembly, or to such Persons as you or they may appoint; but what I advance upon the Credit of the Province to be repaid me out of the first Money that your Assembly may raise; and I desire you will communicate this Letter to them, that they may be thoroughly apprized of my Intentions and Expectations. As I doubt not but your Assembly will, notwithstanding what has lately happened, be satisfied with my keeping your Troops together till the End of the Campaign, I shall not scruple to assure them, that they will most certainly be paid as long as they shall continue in the Service. I am, with great Regard, &c.

Your Excellency's most obedient,  
and most humble Servant,

JO. FORBES.

To Governor SHARPE.

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

The House appointed Capt. *Robert Saunders*, Serjeant at Arms, and *Andrew Buchanan*, Door-Keeper, to the Lower House of Assembly; and Ordered, That Doctor *Steuart* do administer to them the several Oaths to the Government, and the Oath of their respective Offices.

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

TUESDAY,