

*Chamberlaine* do acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Message.

*Benedict Calvert* and *George Stuart*, Esquires, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Members of the Lower House immediately in the Council Chamber. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, attended by the Members of the Lower House, went to the Council Chamber, where his Excellency made the following Speech :

*Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,*

I HAVE nothing at this Time particularly to propose to your Consideration, which would not be a Repetition of what I recommended at the opening of last Session : But, having obtained Permission to return to *England*, for a short Time, on Account of some Affairs, which require my personal Attendance there, I presumed it would be agreeable to you to convene before my Departure, and therefore now meet you, and shall, with the greatest Pleasure, be ready to co-operate with you, in establishing such Regulations, as may be conducive to the Welfare of this Province.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the Members of the Lower House, returned and resumed the Chair.

ORDERED, That the Governor's Speech, a Copy of which having been delivered to Mr. Speaker, be read ; and it was read accordingly.

*The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.*

T H U R S D A Y, March 24, 1774.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read. Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Weems, and Mr. Deye, appeared in the House.

RESOLVED, That the Hours for sitting for Dispatch of the public Business during this Session be from Nine o'Clock in the Morning until One in the Afternoon, and from Three till Five.

ORDERED, That a Message be prepared to the Upper House acquainting them therewith.

RESOLVED, That the Rules of last Session be observed this Session.

ORDERED, That Mr. Bond, Mr. Parran, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Gilpin, and Mr. Contee, be a Committee to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit.

ORDERED, That a Message be prepared to the Upper House acquainting them therewith.

ORDERED, That the several Gentlemen appointed last Session upon the Committee of Elections and Privileges, the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, the Committee of Accounts, the Committee to inspect the several public Offices, and the Committee to inspect the Arms and Ammunition, be continued upon the said several Committees this Session.

The following Resolve :

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE, That the Members, who shall be appointed as Members of the Committee of Aggrievances, have likewise the Character of a Committee for Courts of Justice ; and that that Character, and the Duty of such Committee, be annexed to the said Committee of Aggrievances, as a standing Part of their Duty ; And, that it be an Instruction to the said Committee of Courts of Justice, that they observe the Nature of all the Commissions to the several Courts of Judicature within this Province ; and that they especially observe any Alterations that may at any Time happen, by accidental Omission or otherwise, therein ; and particularly relating to such Words therein, as require the several Judges and Justices to hear, try and determine, according to the Laws, Statutes, Ordinances, and reasonable Customs of *England* and of this Province, or to such other Words as have Relation thereto ; and that they shall immediately make Report to the House of any Alteration that shall at any Time happen in such Commission ; and likewise to have Regard, as near as may be, to observe wherein they differ from the Forms of the several Sorts of Commissions to the Judges and Justices in *England* ; and also to enquire and report, whether it appears that the several Magistrates in this Province have been duly qualified agreeable to Law.

Was read and ordered to be entered.

The following Messages, viz.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, March 24, 1774.

May it please your HONOURS,

THIS House hath appointed from Nine o'Clock in the Morning until One in the Afternoon, and from Three till Five, for its sitting every Day during this Session for the Dispatch of the public Business.

Signed by Order,

JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, March 24, 1774.

May it please your HONOURS,

THIS House hath appointed Messrs. Bond, Parran, Hawkins, Gilpin and Contee, to join one or more of the Members of your House as a Committee to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit.

Signed by Order,

JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Were severally read, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Contee and Mr. Ridgely.

ORDERED,