

L. H. J. to acquaint you her Majesty's Royal Instructions have re-
 Lib. 41 strained me from passing any Acts in Absence of a Governor
 in Chief but what are immediately necessary for the Preser-
 vation of the Peace and Welfare of the Province without her
 Majesty's particular Order for that Purpose Which being prom-
 ised I am persuaded you will acquiesce in her Majesty's
 Commands and not expect me to act contrary to what I am
 so strictly charged with.

M^r Speaker desired the Hoⁿble President he might have a
 Copy of what he had pleased to declare to him and the House
 for their better Information which his Honour was pleased to
 grant and M^r Speaker and the rest of the Members return to
 their own House

M^r Speaker took the Chair and the House made Choice of
 Richard Dallam to be their Clk

Ordered M^r Daniel Mariartee and M^r James Lloyd go and
 present him to the Hoⁿble President and Council for their
 Approbation and to see him qualified. They return and say
 the Hoⁿble President and Council approve of the Clerk and
 that he is qualified

Resolved M^r Richard Young be Serjeant Attendant to this
 House and Moses Adney Doorkeeper

The Rules of the House Read, agreed to, and set up.

Resolved the House meet every Day at Nine in the Morning
 and continue sitting 'till four in the Afternoon

Resolved Eighteen Members and M^r Speaker be a sufficient
 number to proceed on Business this Session

The House proceed to name their several Committees Viz.

For the Committee of Laws M^r Samuel Worthington, M^r
 Matthew Tilghman Ward, M^r John Wells, M^r Richard Cole-
 gate, & M^r Tho^s Robins

For the Committee of Privileges and Elections M^r John
 Mackall, M^r Richard Jones, M^r Henry Ennalls, M^r Henry
 Peregrine Jowles, and M^r S^r Ledger Codd.

For the Committee of Aggrievances, M^r Robert Tyler, M^r
 Daniel Mariartee, M^r Govert Lockerman, M^r Amos Garrett
 and M^r John Whittington.

For the Committee of Accounts, M^r John Leech, M^r Joseph
 Hill, M^r Edward Scott, and M^r Greenfield.

Read the Hoⁿble President's Speech, and Ordered M^r James
 Frisby and M^r Roger Woolford consider thereof and prepare
 an Answer thereto and report the same to the House to
 Morrow Morning