

U. H. J. The Lower house attend and his Excellency Orders them to return
 No. 33 to their own House and make choice of a Speaker.

Mess^{rs} Dulany and Hanson from the Lower House acquaint his Excellency their house hath made choice of a Speaker

Benjamin Tasker Esq^r is sent to the Lower house to inform them his Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper house to present their Speaker for his approbation

The whole House attend and present John Mackall Esq^r as their Speaker with which Choice his Excellency declares himself well pleased whereupon his Excellency makes the follow^g Speech

p. 511 Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

I am sorry our late news has given me so just an Occasion of Condoling with you on the death of that most Excellent Princess Our late most Gracious Queen whose great and Royal Virtues rendered her Person when living truly amiable to all his Majestys Subjects and must endear her name to latest Posterity

Among the several Laws that will expire this Session & may be thought expedient to be revived the duty of my Station Obliges me to recommend particularly to your care the Act for purchasing arms and Ammunition and I can make no doubt of your Readiness to continue a Fund which is to provide as far as it will Go in so essential a Manner for the Safety of this Province and the Security of its Inhabitants

I cannot omit participating to you the Satisfaction I have had on the Receipt of his Majestys Most Gracious Order in Council for restoring and preserving Peace and Quietness on our Borders and I think it no inconsiderable Circumstance of our Happiness that this Tranquillity has been procured by the Generous & indulgent Care of our Lord Proprietary without the Load of an Extraordinary publick supply while our neighbors have Raised large sums for the carrying on of those disturbances equally prejudicial to themselves as to us whatever unhappy notions may have been instilled into them by those whose Interest it was to deceive them and I hope we may with Justice say that whatever Inclinations to Peace our Neighbouring Government might pretend or amuse their People with or whatever Applications they have seemed to make to his Majesty yet this restored Peace and Quietness are founded only on the humble and sincere Instances and desires from this Province

His Lordship has not shewn less Benevolence towards his tenants in his late Order to his Agent for the settling of the Rates of Foreign Gold and Silver to be taken in discharge of his Quit rents and Alienation Fines

p. 512 These remarkable Instances of his Lordships great Goodness are such unquestionable Proofs of his Sincere inclinations and endeav-