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This House met again according to Adjournment Present as  
Yesterday

A Message from the Lower House by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry and Wright

By the Lower House of Assembly 4 June 1740

May it please Your Honours

We can with the greatest Sincerity assure your Honours that We never had the least Intention to fix an Odium on you, or in any manner to sully the Characters either of his Excellency, or any of  
p. 100 Your House, by what was said in Our Message of the ninth of June last, concerning the 2500£ raised by the Three Pence p hh<sup>d</sup> unaccounted for, and are truly sorry that either the Governor or any of you should take it in that Sense

It is clear by that Message, that the 2500£ was meant of the Money raised before his Excellency came to the Government since We at the same time mentioned the 2250:11:2 Sterling and £34:13:7¼ Current Gold in Bank, in which last Sums may be included the Ballance of the Money raised during his Administration, and it would have been ridiculous as well as unjust in Us, if there had been an Imbezlement (which by the Bye, the Words unaccounted for cannot imply) to have charged his Excellency or your Honours with it, since for any thing We know, none of that Money came into Your Hands

By the Return of some of Our Members at the last Convention we were in a State of Great Uncertainty as to the Application of that Sum of Money, and upon the strictest Enquiry made into the Affair by some who have been now appointed, We are still unsatisfied therein; We presume that by inspecting the Minutes and Proceedings of Council in the Times when the Money was raised, the Matter may be set in it's true Light, therefore We have appointed Col Robert King Major Edward Sprigg Mess<sup>rs</sup> Vachel Denton, Turnor Wootton and Walter Smith to joyn such of Your Members as you shall name, to examine into the State of that Fund, that Justice may be done to the Country as well as to the Characters of those concerned in laying it out.

Signed p Order M Macnemara Cl Lo H.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Matthews and Sheredine from the Lower House attend with M<sup>r</sup> Richard Gist a Member elected for Baltimore County in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> John Moale deceased, who takes the Oaths to the Government appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly of this Province, and subscribes the Abjuration and Test and then withdrew

The following Message is sent by Col Hammond