

M^r Richard Snowden, being permitted to come into this House, with Several other Gentlemen, to hear the Debates, did, whilst a Member was Debating, accuse him of falshood; which being a great Contempt of the Rights and privileges of this House, the Serjeant at Arms was ordered to take the said Richard Snowden into Custody. L. H. J.
Liber No. 46

M^r Richard Snowden sent the following Letter; viz.
To the Honourable Edward Sprigg Esq^r Speaker of the House of
Assembly of Maryland.

Honourable ffriend,

Hurry'd by my passion, I inadvertently made use of an Expression, which I acknowledge was indecent, and contrary to the privileges of your Honourable House; for which I am sincerely sorry, and heartily beg pardon of your Honourable House, and of that worthy member in particular, for whom I have the greatest Regard: and nothing but an Imagination, that my Credit as a Man of veracity, was at Stake, could have carried me to such a Pitch of Indiscretion. Therefore I am ready to make such Submission, as your Honourable House will please to accept of, from

Their and your Ready ffriend

Richard Snowden

The Serjeant at arms acquainted M^r Speaker he had taken M^r Snowden into Custody, in pursuance of the Order of the House

Ordered, That M^r Snowden attend at the Bar of this House, in the Custody of the Serjeant, which he accordingly did.

M^r Speaker gave him the following Reprimand Viz.

Inasmuch as you have offered an high Indignity to this House in a public Manner, and particularly to a Member thereof, in the Execution of his Duty; you are to ask pardon of this House, and that Member, and at the same time take notice, that the Consideration of your Age and Character, and that what you did is looked upon to be done thro' Inadvertency, hath induced the House to use you with great Indulgence.

M^r Snowden made his Due Submission to the House, and to the Member in particular. Whereupon, he was discharged on payment of the fees to the Serjeant at Arms.

The House Adjourns until To-Morrow Morning 9 o'Clock

Wednesday Morning, May 27. 1747

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The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Capt. Tilghman, and M^r John Gresham, are added to the Committee of Laws.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws be empowered to send for persons, papers, and Records

The House Adjourns 'til 2 of the Clock