

L. H. J. saw him qualified, by taking the several Oaths to the Government
Liber No. 46 required by Law, signing the Oath of Abjuration, and repeating and
signing the Test. The Gentleman takes his Seat in the House.

The House adjourns 'til To Morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

August 15

Thursday Morning August 15th 1745

The House met according to Adjournment, The Proceedings of yesterday were read.

M^r Smith added to the Committee of Elections and Privileges, and to the Committee appointed to inquire into the State and Condition of the Arms and Ammunition, and Accounts relating thereto.

M^r Hammond brings in an Address to his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of Tuesday last, which was read, approved of, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The following ingrossed Address to his Excellency, Viz.

To his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Governor of Maryland.

The humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said Province.

May it please your Excellency.

Whatever Construction you are pleased to put upon our Actions, we assure you, that our unfeigned Loyalty to his Majesty will never permit us to give the least Delay to any Thing that relates to his Service, and this is apparent by the early and unanimous Resolve of our House, to raise a Sum of Money for the Support of his Garrison at Cape Breton: And accordingly a Bill to that End is in as great Forwardness, as the subject matter would admit, and will with the utmost Expedition be sent to the Upper House, Were We inclined to think of any other than a fair and upright Behaviour in your Excellency, we conceive there is equal Room to suspect a Delay on your Part, as you have had before you our Address relating to the Authority by which your Excellency and his Lordship's Council have levied upon the People one Pound of Tobacco per Poll, near as long as the Affair for Support of Cape Breton hath been under our Consideration, and we should think it less difficult for your Excellency to say by what Authority that Tobacco was levied, than it is for us to find out Ways and means effectually to answer the Service of his Majesty with the greatest Ease to the People.

As what we are about to do for the Service of our most gracious Sovereign, is the Result of our own free Will, we are determined not to be diverted from that Method of Proceeding, whereby we hope to render it most useful and agreeable.

Being read, was ordered on Behalf of the House, to be signed by the Honourable Speaker; which being done, M^r Courts, and M^r Thomas, are sent to acquaint the Governour, that this House hath