

Tenants here, we hope these Means will be constantly pursued, who-
ever shall have the Administration of Affairs; and on our Part, we
assure your Excellency, we shall always exert our utmost Endeavours
to advance the Welfare and Happiness of those we represent.

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We shall immediately set about the Business recommended by your
Excellency, and give it all the Dispatch which the Consequence and
Nature of it will admit: And altho' at this Season of the Year we may
be very desirous of being at our Homes, we shall chearfully forego
that Satisfaction, as the immediate Interest of the Public requires
our Attendance here.

Which was read and assented to, and Signed, by Order of the
House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Col. Henry Hooper, and Col. R. J. Henry, do ac-
quaint his Excellency that this House hath prepared an Address to
him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it:
They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified
he was ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference
Chamber.

Ordered, That Col. Hooper, and fourteen more, do present the
Address to his Excellency.

On motion that an Address be prepared to his Excellency, in An-
swer to his Message of Yesterday; Ordered, That the Committee of
Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

A Certificate is produced, and lodged with the Clerk of the House,
under the Hand of Mr. John Brice, a Provincial Magistrate, that
Mr. William Wilkins had taken the Oaths to the Government re-
quired by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and
subscribed the Test, and took the following Oath of Office:

You William Wilkins do swear, that as Clerk to the Committee
of Grievances and Courts of Justice, you shall true Entries make of
all such Matters and Things, as by that Committee, for the Time be-
ing, shall be to you directed; the Secrets of the said Committee you
shall not divulge, to the Prejudice of the said Committee, or any
Member thereof; but shall in all Things as Clerk to the said Com-
mittee, well and truly demean yourself, according to the best of your
Knowlege. So help you God.

Col. Hooper, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr.
Speaker an Address to his Excellency the Governor; which was read,
approved, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Mes-
sage; viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

The Letters, which I now send you from Col. Cresap and Mr. Gist,
relate to Matters of such Consequence to the Peace and Safety of the
Country, and especially the Borders, that I doubt not you will con-