expressing our Sorrow on the ever to be lamented Occasion of the L.H. J. Death of his late Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; and acknowl-December 11 eging our Gratitude and Thankfulness to his Majesty, for his paternal Care and Goodness towards his Subjects. This House will most heartily join in such Address; and to that End, are ready to join some of our Members with such as shall be appointed by the Honourable Upper House, to prepare the same.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Key and Mr. J. J. Mackall do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented 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 Mr. Waggaman, and three more, do present the Address.

Richard Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message; viz. (See page 642)

The Bill entituled, An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, p. 201 &c. was read the second Time by an especial Order, and passed.

The Bill entituled, An Act for the dividing of certain Warehouses in Talbot County, therein named, was read the second Time by an especial Order, and passed.

The Petition of John Paca, and others, which was appointed to be heard this Day, is referred for an Hearing on the Morrow.

The House adjourns until Tomorrow Morning at 10 of the Clock.

Thursday Morning, December 12, 1751.

December 12

The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. Benjamin Pearce, a Delegate returned for Cæcil County, appeared in the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Hyland and Mr. George do go with Mr. Pearce to the Upper House, to see him take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, &c. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

Col. Lloyd, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message; viz. (See page 643)

Ordered, That Mr. Key, Dr. Carroll, Col. H. Hooper, and Mr. Tilghman, do join the Members appointed by the Upper House, in drawing an Address to be presented to his Majesty.