

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the 26.th Day of February in the third year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1754.

U. H. J.
Liber No. 34
1754, February 26

Present

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His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r Governor

The Honourable	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq. ^r Col George Plater Col Charles Hammond.	}	Col Benjamin Tasker Benedict Calvert Esq. ^r
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Mess^{rs} Goldsborough and Harrison from the Lower house acquaint his Excellency that there is a sufficient Number of Members met to make a House and wait his Excellencys Commands.

Col Plater is Sent to the Lower house to acquaint the Speaker that his Excellency requires their immediate attendance in the Upper house.

The Lower house Attend and his Excellency is pleased to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.

The possibility of your undergoing any inconveniences from being convened at this early Season would have determined me against meeting you so soon had not the Receipt of a Letter from the Governor of Virginia made me Apprehensive the Welfare of this and the neighbouring Colonies might Suffer from any longer delay. [See pages 408-411.]

Alarmed at the Prospect of Seeing our common Enemy Masters of all the Country adjacent to the Inhabited parts of these Provinces his Majestys Faithful Subjects in Virginia Sollicit our Aid to defeat their ambitious Enterprize; in the Event of which I am persuaded you will think this Province too much interested not to exert themselves on this Occasion. Lest my enlarging on the many obvious Motives which must incite you to answer our neighbours expectations should be construed to imply suspicion, for which your late Address on the Earl of Holdernesses Letter leaves not the least Room, I shall only communicate to you the Letters which I have Received from his Majestys Governors on the Continent respecting this Affair and also one from the Lords of Trade, whereby we as well as the other Colonies are required to Send Commissioners to