

For Talbot County,

Mr. John Goldsborough,
Mr. Edward Oldham,
Mr. Pollard Edmunson,
Mr. Matthew Tilghman.

For Frederick County,

Daniel Dulany, Esq;
Capt. Henry Wright Crabb,
Mr. Joseph Chapline,
Mr. Nathan Magruder.

L. H. J.
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A sufficient Number of the Members of the Lower House of Assembly being convened at the Stadt-House, Ordered, That Col Harrison and Mr. John Goldsborough do acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Message.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaints Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (attended by the Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House; where his Excellency made the following Speech, viz. p. 380

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.

Alarmed at the Prospect of seeing our common Enemy Masters of all the Country adjacent to the inhabited Parts of these Provinces, his Majesty's faithful Subjects in Virginia, solicit 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 yourselves 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 a Suspicion, for which your late Address on the Earl of Holderness's Letter, leaves not the least Room, I shall only communicate to you the Letters which I have received from his Majesty's 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 Albany this Summer, with a Present to the Indians, as a Means of securing the Affections of those People at this critical Juncture; when, their being alienated from the English Interest, would threaten us with the most fatal Consequences. Your Results on these several Letters, I have the most sanguine Hopes, will give the strongest Testimony of your Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and demonstrate you to be truly Guardians of the Interest, Safety, and Honour of your Constituents.