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ment, that I may pay the most ready and punctual Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, shall, with the Royal Commission, be laid before you: And I will assure you, that the View of being thereby enabled to contribute, in a more particular Manner, than I could have otherwise done, to the Security and future Quiet of this Province, makes me receive these Testimonies of his Majesty's and his Lordship's Favour with infinite Pleasure, and enter on the Service with the greatest Alacrity. And, Gentlemen, as my future Reputation will, in a great Measure, depend on the Issue of this Meeting, I cannot help again repeating my Hopes, that your Resolves will be such, as must demand my Acknowledgments, and make it my future constant Study to express my Gratitude, by my Endeavours to promote, to the utmost of my Ability, the Welfare and Prosperity of the People you are here to represent.

Mr. Speaker (with the rest of the Members) returned to the Lower House, and re-assumed the Chair.

The House proceeded to choose a Clerk, and made Choice of Mr. Michael Macnemara. Ordered, That Mr. Robert Lloyd and Col. John Henry do acquaint his Excellency with the Choice this House hath made of a Clerk, and to desire his Approbation thereof: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they delivered the Message, and that his Excellency was pleased to approve the Choice. Ordered, That Mr. Robert Lloyd and Col. John Henry do go with Mr. Macnemara, to the Upper House, to see him qualified as Clerk of this House: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him take the several Oaths to the Government, sign the Oath of Abjuration, repeat and sign the Test, and take the following Oath of Office; viz.

You Michael Macnemara do swear, that, as Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly, you shall true Entries make of all such Matters and Things, as by the Honourable Speaker for the Time being, and that House, shall be to you directed; the Secrets of the said House you shall not divulge, to the Prejudice of the House, or any Member thereof; but shall in all Things, as Clerk to the said House, well and truly demean yourself according to the best of your Knowledge. So help you God.

p. 4 Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech (a Copy of which having been delivered to Mr. Speaker) be read, which was accordingly, and ordered to lie on the Table.

His Excellency Communicated to M^r Speaker his Majestys Commission Appointing him Lieutenant Colonel of foot in the West Indies and a Letter from Sir Thomas Robinson one of his Majesty's principal Secretary's of State and the Right Honourable the Lord proprietarys Commission and Leave of Absence to his Excellency from this Government for his Majesty's Service, and M^r Speaker having Communicated the same to the House Ordered that the said Commissions be Read which were Accordingly,