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Government consists in a well-armed and well-regulated Militia, and that on such a One we must, at this Session, chiefly depend for our Security: As our present Militia Laws do not give the Officers sufficient Power to compel their respective Regiments or Companies to march and serve in Defence of their Country, we can, I think, have but little Dependence on the Militia of this Province. If therefore you are now at Leisure, and continue of the same Opinion that you entertained at the Opening of the last Session, or if my Recommendations have any Weight with you, you will proceed to Frame a Bill for giving the Officers of the Militia such a Power as the present Posture of Affairs, on the Continent, and the Condition of this Province in particular, renders expedient and necessary.

Hor.<sup>o</sup> Sharpe.

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p. 332 The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

M.<sup>r</sup> John Reeder, Capt. Edward Sprigg, M.<sup>r</sup> Waggaman, Major Hyland, and Capt. Dennis, appeared in the House.

Capt. Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, a Delegate returned to serve in this General Assembly, by Return of the Sheriff of Anne-Arundel County, appeared in the House.

Ordered, That Capt. Gassaway and M.<sup>r</sup> Carroll do go with Capt. Worthington to the Upper House to see him qualified. They return and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

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Tuesday Morning 21<sup>st</sup> September, 1756.

The House met according to Adjournment: All the Members appeared as Yesterday, except Capt. Jordan.

M.<sup>r</sup> Lloyd appeared in the House.

On Motion, the Question was put, That an Address be prepared to the Governor, requesting that he will be pleased now to communicate whatever he may think proper to be laid before this House at this Meeting, relative to his Majesty's Service in general, or the Security and Defence of this Province in particular.

Resolved in the Negative.