

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Sept. 25

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 Skill and Knowledge. So help you God.”

M.^r James Hollyday, a Member for Queen Ann’s County, is in Town, sick and unable to attend

The House appoints Robert Reynolds Door-Keeper

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do inform M.^r Ghiselin thereof and request him to qualify said Reynolds as Door-Keeper to the Lower House of Assembly

The House adjourns till Three of the Clock Afternoon

Post Meridiem

The House met according to Adjournment—

M.^r Selby, M.^r Purnell, and M.^r Wootton appeared in the House

Ordered, That his Excellency’s Speech be read a second Time. Which was read accordingly.

Ordered, That M.^r Johnson, M.^r Tilghman, M.^r John Hall, M.^r Ringgold, M.^r Chase and M.^r W. Paca do prepare and bring in an Address to his Excellency in Answer to his Speech—

Resolved, That the Hours for sitting for Dispatch of the publick Business, during this Session, be from Eight O’Clock in the Morning, until One O’Clock in the Afternoon

Ordered, That M.^r Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Secretary of this Province requiring him to make out new Writs of Election directed to the Sheriff of Queen Ann’s County to elect a Delegate to serve in this present General Assembly, in the Room of the late Honourable Speaker deceased; and to the Sheriff of Somerset County, to elect a Delegate in the Room of M.^r William Hayward who is removed to the Upper House

Ordered, That M.^r Bordley do acquaint the Reverend M.^r Boucher that he is desired by this House to read Divine Service every Morning, during this Session, at three Quarters after Seven

On Motion, Ordered, That the several Papers referred to in his Excellency’s Speech be read; and they were read accordingly.

M.^r Reverdy Ghiselin certifies that Robert Reynolds has qualified himself as Door-Keeper to the Lower House of Assembly by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, repeating the Test and subscribing the Oath of Abjuration, and also by taking the following Oath of Office “You Robert Reynolds do swear that you will faithfully diligently, and honestly discharge the Office of Door-Keeper to the Lower House of Assembly and that you will not discover or reveal the Secrets thereof—So help you God”

The House adjourns till To-Morrow Morning Eight O’Clock