

"The House referred the further Consideration of the Subject to the Afternoon."

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"The House adjourned till 3 oClock."

"Post Meredian, The House met :

"The House Resumed the Consideration of the Subject relative to M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Hagar, and after Considering the Several Statutes and Acts of Assembly aforesaid M<sup>r</sup> Hagar was ordered to withdraw, and M<sup>r</sup> Speaker by direction of the House put the following question"—

"That Jonathan Hagar Returned as a Representative for Frederick County not being a Natural born Subject nor descended from one, but Naturalized in 1747. Agreeable to the Statute of 13 Geo: 2. being a resident of this Province ever Since and having a free hold of 50 acres of Land be Eligible? Resolved in the Negative."

"M<sup>r</sup> Hagar was Called in and M<sup>r</sup> Speaker by Order of the House informed him that he was dismissed from any further attendance on this house as a Member thereof."

"Ordered, that M<sup>r</sup> Speaker do issue his warrant to the Secretary of this Province requiring him to issue a new writt of Election to the Sherriff of Frederick County to elect a delegate to Serve in this Present Session of Assembly—in the room of M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Hagar, whose Seat is declared vacant."

His Excellency then remarked that the whole Conduct of the Lower House was So Extraordinary and extravagant, that he really was at a loss in what manner to Conduct himself so as at the Same time to Preserve the dignity and Authority of the Government and give every oppertunity to the Representatives of the people to join with the other branch of the Legislature in enacting Such Laws as are immediately Necessary for and Conducive to the Welfare of the Province. p. 8

His Excellency was pleased to observe, that at this late Season of the year should he so far resent this Conduct of the Lower House by Proclamation to dissolve them the necessary time required by Law for the return of the writts on a new Election would Carry the meeting of the assembly (this year) So deep into the winter Season that a regular attendance of many of the Members Could not be expected and at the Same time assured the Board that as it was impossible to pass over this unprecedented adjournment without giving up the Dignity and Prerogative of the proprietary and his government he had his doubts whether a prorogation would be Sufficiently expressive of the resentment of the two other Branches of the Legislature to this very Extraordinary behaviour of the Lower house.