

That you take all Due Care of Yourselves -

That is to say of the People whose Representatives you are and this you cannot better do then by providing such good and wholesome Laws as shall in the first place - Suppress all Publick sin and scand all as said in the first part of Duty towards God least for the Publick Sins of the People God should Inflict the whole province with Plagues and Judgments from Heaven, and next unto this your care will be to Study the Generall Good of the People as well by Devising as readily Complying with all such Acts as by the Blessing of God shall happen to be proposed in this Assembly which shall any way tend to the Security of right and reall Good of the People in General and herein all private and Self Interest is to be abhorred so Nationally concerned for the publick ought you and every of you to be unto all which I shall freely contribute with all the faculties of a truly Willing heart & Mind; So God of his Mercy guide direct bless and prosper all your Good & faithfull undertakings Amen -

Gentlemen I have one thing more to offer which is - First by way of Advice, that before you Begin to make Laws, you do not begin to breake Laws and - Secondly by way of Demand, that you and every of you, as I for Example will - take the Oath of Fidelity to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary as the Law Directs which if any refuse to do the Government will according to that Law proceed, for if you Obey not the Laws that are made, who think you will obey the Laws that are to make So God of his Mercy Direct you as before is prayed -

Which speech being ended the Lower house departed to their own house -

Then was the Oath of Fidelity Administred by the Honourable Col Henry Darnall to the Honourable William Joseph Esq. who having taken it Administred the same Oath to the said Col Darnall and Clement Hill Esq. with this addition or Salvo; of saving their Allegiance to the King -

Doctor John Brooke and Mr. Stephen Suffer from the Lower house with this Message Viz. -

Lower house of Assembly 14 November 1688

This house according to the last Proclamation of the 19th of this Instant Novemb. are met and called over and thereupon this house find by Report and Information of - Some Members of this house that one of the Members and Delegates of this house for St. Maries County Viz. Mr. Richard Gardiner and one Member for Charles County Viz. Mr. Tho. Burford are since the last Sessions of Assembly Departed this Life, this house therefore pray the Upper house to enquire of his Lordship whether the Vacancies aforesaid are not supplied, if not that Writts of Election may issue according to the form of the Act of Assembly to Supply the same

Signed for Order William Dent of the Lower house

The honourable Major Sewall comes into this house and the President Administers to him the Oath of Fidelity with the Salvo of his Allegiance to his Majesty

Major Sewall goes to the Lower house with this Message Viz. -

Upper house of Assembly 14th November 1688

This house do desire that the Lower house before they Enter upon the business would take the Oath of fidelity according to that part of the present series