

or Conscience except Mr Mathews Mr Medley & Mr
Laird who declared and desired that the said Mr Fenwick
might have time to consider of the said Oath which was
admitted and granted by the whole house till to Morrow
Morning

The Burgesses desired an Answer of their Petition from
the Governor who return with this Answer from the Gov^r &
Upper House that the Lower house had not Power of them
selves to expell any member out of their House the Gov^r not
being present but conceived that Mr Mathews expell'd him-
self for that he came not to demand his Voice after the Gov^r
himself was present in the house

The house adjourn'd by Mr Speaker till 2 Clock
Afternoon

Thursday afternoon

All Assembled except as above

The whole House declared that it never was intended
or is now intended by the House that in the Oath of Secrecy
any thing is meant to infringe Liberty of Conscience and
Religion whereupon Mr Fenwick was sworn as the other
Burgesses

The Governor appointed the former Committee to take
their Certificate again into Consideration and to renew the
same and if they see any Cause of Alteration or addition
thereto to proceed therein and to certify by Saturday morning

The house adjourn'd by the Speaker till to Morrow mor-
ning 8 Clock

Friday 19 April

Burgesses all assembled except as yesterday

Was read the Certificate and Declaration of the