

the said Philip Clarke may be permitted to come and sitt in this house as being esteemed a usefull Member thereof

Signed by Order,

Ch: Gregory Clk: House of Delegates.

Mr. Benjamin Hall and Thomas Hicks, returned and say they have delivered their message.

Voted if the address should be carried down to his Exy. without any alteration or amendment. and carried in the affirmative.

Ordered that Mr. Jacob Moreland, Mr. James Saunders, Major Tho: Smith, Mr. James Crauford, Major James Smallwood, Mr. Tho: Staley, Mr. Richard Tilghman, Major Thomas Ennalls, Mr. John Carville, and Major Wm Barton, carry the said address to his Exy.

The house adjourned till one of the Clocks.

Wed: die. The house met againe and were present as before.

Mr. Speaker informs the house that he rec^d: a message from his Exy. since the house adjourned that the house should attend upon his Exy. Instantly.

Mr. Speaker and the house go downe to the Councill Chamber.

At the Councill Chamber, the house was called over and were absent Capt. Thomas Maughoff, Mr. Wm Sayland, Mr. Philip Clarke, Major John Lowe, Mr. Thomas Beale, Mr. George Ashman, Mr. Wm Hensley, Mr. Francis Jenkins, Mr. John Breeman, Mr. Walter Lane, and Mr. Sand: Collins.

His Exy. was pleased to Order, the address sent on behalfe of Mr. Philip Clarke to be read, which accordingly was done.

Whereupon his Exy. informs them that he would make distinctions amongst them and he who were for the King and who were against him for that Mr. Philip Clarke is held in prison for being Guilty of breach of the Act of Assembly of this province ag^t: Divulgers of false News for the breach of which he hath been found guilty, as well as by the Oaths of the Grand Jury for the body of this province as by the Oaths of the Petit Jury upon his tryall, and the Oaths of other evidences.

His Exy. was pleased to order the af^t: act of Assembly ag^t: Divulgers of false News together with Mr. Bladen's deposition to be read. which accordingly was done.

Whereupon his Exy. was pleased to inform the house that he is imprisoned for Six Months by the virtue of that Act. and that whosoever shall endeavour to take him out of the Kings prison he must declare him or them to be a Rebell or Rebels.

And his Exy. further Reminded that he admired how they could say the prayer in the Statute ag^t: Sedition, and act as he apprehended it, so Seditiously.