

last Session of Assembly did make Choice of Thomas Maconara as Clerk of this House and humbly begs his Excellency's Approbation of him and that he may be qualified by taking the usual Oaths

Ordered That Col<sup>o</sup> Washins and Mr. Tyler acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith They return and say they do so. The Honourable Philom<sup>o</sup> Lloyd and Col<sup>o</sup> Richard Dalglishman from the Honourable Council enter the House and acquainted the Speaker that his Excellency commands him and the House to attend him immediately in the Council Chamber

The House having waited on his Excellency in the Council Chamber return and say his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech Viz<sup>t</sup>

Gentlemen of the Assembly

The Province of Maryland depending entirely upon Trade it will naturally fall under your Consideration to support and improve it by reviewing those good Laws which are already made and by proposing such others as may encourage the industrious Planter to recover those great Losses which he has sustained during the long Course of a consuming War. The sad Effects of which are but too obvious in the Ruin of many Families of this Province and has sensibly affected the Fortunes of much the greatest Number of its Inhabitants - But Thanks be to God the pious Endeavours of our most excellent Queen and the indefatigable Labour of her wise Ministry are blessed with the Conclusion of a happy Peace. Your Ships are now no more exposed to the Raids of a foreign Enemy, your Trade is free and open, so that if you are not wanting to yourselves you have a fair Occasion of restoring this Province to its former flourishing Condition under the Influence of her Majesty's auspicious Government and the Directions of her Ministry zealously disposed to cultivate the Arts of Peace. - Nor shall any Thing be omitted on my Part with the Blessing of Providence which may contribute to the Welfare and Interest of the Province whilst I have the Honour to remain in this Station which I owe to her Majesty's Royal Bounty

Gentlemen, I am commanded by her Majesty to lay several Instructions before you relating to the <sup>good</sup> Government of this Province which I have committed to Writing and will send down to your House for your Perusal.

Col<sup>o</sup> Edward Lloyd, Col<sup>o</sup> W<sup>o</sup> Holland, Col<sup>o</sup> W<sup>o</sup> Coursoy, Col<sup>o</sup> Thomas Addison, Philom<sup>o</sup> Lloyd Esq, and Col<sup>o</sup> Richard Dalglishman from the Honourable Council enter the House and deliver Mr. Speaker the following Instructions from his Excellency the Governor which were ordered to be entered as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

By his Excellency the Governor &c. June 4<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>o</sup> 1714

Gentlemen, I am commanded by her most Sacred Majesty in the first Place to recommend to your Care the due Support and Observance of our Religion as be<sup>l</sup>