

The House being called over Mr. Dore and Mr. Emberson's absence is excused by reason of their sickness and then Ordered that Mr. Tyler, Col. Mackall, and John Rowley Esq. go and acquaint His Excellency that a sufficient number of the Delegates to make a house is convened they return say they acquainted his Excellency thereof; Col. Hollands, and Lt. Col. Samuel Long from the Upper House acquaint Mr. Speaker that his Excellency requires him with the lower house to attend him immediately in the Upper house.

Then Mr. Speaker with the Lower house went to attend his Excellency accordingly and afterwards Mr. Speaker with the rest of the members returned, and Mr. Speaker re-ascending the Chair Reported that his Excellency was pleased to speak the following words.

Mr. Speaker,
I must desire you take into your Consideration what I delivered to you on your last Meeting from which time you were prorogued at your own request, for two reasons, the one that it was then reported the Crown was taking into its hands all the proprietary Governments which is now layed aside, and the other that the Lord Proprietor was dead, which has proved groundless he being still living, and now having no Instructions to the contrary, I know no reason why you should not proceed, upon what was then delivered to you, at your last Meeting.

Ordered that Col. Mackall, Col. Scott and Capt. Mariate go with Capt. Colegate Mr. Collard Mr. Perkins Mr. Thomas Dushield Mr. Samuel Hopkins Mr. John Purnell Mr. Wm. Whittington Junior & Maj. Willson to the up^r house to see them qualified by taking the Oath.

They return and say they seen them duly qualified.
Resolved that the House meet at 8 of the Clock in the Morning and sitt till 11. and meet at 1. in the aftⁿ noon, and sitt till 5. every day during this Session.

The House adjourns till to morrow Morning 8 a Clock
Die Mercurij 18^o die July 1716.

The House mett according to adjournment.
His Excellency's Speech on the 24th day of April last was read.
Capt. Henry Perr. Lowles appeared this day in the house.

The House Proceeded to appoint Committees (vizt) Committee of Elections, Col. John Mackall, Maj. Willson, Mr. John Baker, John Rowley Esq. Mr. James Loyd.

Committee of Laws, Col. John Mackall, Mr. Thomas Robins Mr. Thomas Bordley Capt. Richard Colegate Mr. James Stoddart, Maj. James Harris.

Committee of Grievances Mr. Tyler, Capt. Mariate Capt. Thomas Dent, Mr. James Wright Col. Nathaniel Hyson.