

to this House his Excellency the Gov^r: Council not being then sitting.

Ordered that the late Clerk or those in whose hands Custody the papers relating to this House are, do Deliver the same to Mich^l: Jenifer the present Clerk of this House.

The House adjourns till tomorrow morning eight of the clock.

Wednesday May 29th 1717.

The House meets according to adjournment present as Yesterday with the addition of Capt. Thomas Sumner, Gen. Fields, Capt. Henry Percquine, Armes Capt. John Baker, Capt. Dan^l: Marrant, Mr. William Young, Col. James Maxwell, Mr. Francis Dallabide, Mr. Peter Bond, Mr. John Brammoch, Mr. Robert Tyler, Maj^r: John Bradford, Maj^r: Josiah Wilson Mr. Sam^l: Hopkins and Mr. W^m: Whittington Jun^r: Mr. Benj^m: Tassico is excused by reason of his Sickness.

The House adjourns till two a clock in the afternoon Post meridiem. The House meet according to adjournment who being called over are present as in the forenoon except John Rowley Esq. Mr. Robert Tyler who is excused thro' Sickness.

Ordered that Col^l: John Mackall, Maj^r: Stoddert & Capt. Dan^l: Marrant go and acquaint his Ex^{ty}: that a sufficient Number of Members are meet to make an House - They Return and say they delivered their Message.

Ordered that Mr. Marrant and Mr. Stoddert go and acquaint His Ex^{ty}: of the choice of Mich^l: Jenifer for the Clerk and that they present him to his Ex^{ty}: and that they see him Qualified.

They return and say his Ex^{ty}: approves of him & that they see him Qualified by the taking of the Oath of Clerk of this House and the Sw^o: oath according to Law.

Esq. Brooke and Col^l: Holland from the Upper House acquaint Mr. Speaker, that his Ex^{ty}: Desires him & the whole House to attend his Ex^{ty}: in the Council Chamber. Then Mr. Speaker with the rest of the House went to attend his Ex^{ty}: accordingly.

Mr. Speaker with the rest of the House having waited on his Ex^{ty}: in the Council returned and says that his Ex^{ty}: was pleased to make the following Speech In the Names of the Right Honble the Lords of Baltimore and Guilford - Viz^t

Baltimore }
Guilford } Gent^l: of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly. We take this opportunity to make known to you we have approved and Confirmed all those Laws transmitted to us which was made ready for our assent at a Session of Assembly begun and held at our City of Annapolis the 17th Day of July in the first year of our Dominion except that Laying an additional Duty of four p^{er}cents p^{er} poll on the Kings Protestants as well as other his