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Speaker his Excellency's speech to the Clergy with address to him thereon with the following Messager's Oration -

By his Excellency the Governour April the 29<sup>th</sup> 1718.

Gents of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly - } Finding an absolute necessity for the good Government of the Church in this Province in order to the promoting and Propagating of true Religion and Virtue I have convened the Reverend Body of the Clergy who are at this time met together for that end.

But as this my Intention will be set in a clearer view by the speech I made to the Reverend Clergy and their address to me upon it I now communicate both to this General Assembly and do not doubt but your zeal for Religion will excite you to do what is proposed for you in your Stations for the advancements of the afore mentioned Intention of the meeting of the Reverend Clergy at this Season.

Some of the Reverend Clergy have informed that they are prepared a representation to be laid before both Houses which will be soon offered to your Consideration.

By the Upper House of Assembly April 29<sup>th</sup> 1718.

Gents,

His Excellency having been pleased to lay before us the foregoing with a Copy of his speech to the Reverend Clergy & their address to him We think our selves obliged by our duty to God most heartily his Excellency's for his great and pious care of our Religion and at the same time to assure you how readily we shall joyn with you on sight of such representation to do what maybe judged necessary and contributing to do good & a work. Signed & ordered,

The further consideration whereof is referred till to Morrow Morning.

Proposed by a member of this house that for as much as there are severall elections now to be made the manner whereof is some w<sup>t</sup> altered by Supplement to the act for directing the manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates &c. which has duly past both Houses, a Messager be prepared desiring his Excellency to send for this House unto the Councill Chamber to see y<sup>t</sup> Bill past into a Law that the same may be published -

Col<sup>o</sup>. Addison, Col<sup>o</sup>. Tilghman, & Mr. Lowe from the Upper House acquaint Mr. Speaker that his Excellency's Command him and the whole House to attend him at the Councill Chamber.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker with the whole House went to the Councill Chamber who soon after returned - where Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Reports y<sup>t</sup> his Excellency was pleased to deliver himself in these words following vizt -