

them in particular; however, the Duty of my Station does not permit me to pass over in silence That for raising the Three pence per Hoghead for purchasing Arms and Ammunition. That Law is so absolutely necessary for the Defence and Safety of the Province, that I think myself obliged to recommend it to you in the most earnest Manner; and I cannot but persuade myself that my Recommendation will have the more weight, as you must see by the Accounts, which I shall order to be laid before you, that they are so very Clear, as not to leave the least room to the most malicious Enemies of the Government to make any fair and open Objection to them, whatever they may attempt by private Whispers and Insinuations.

Mr. Speaker and the rest of the Members returned.

The House made Choice of Mr. *Michael Macnemara* for Clerk.

Mr. *Denton* and Mr. *Edward Lloyd*, Ordered to acquaint the Governor therewith, and to desire his Approbation.

They returned and acquainted Mr. Speaker, the Governor approved the Choice.

Mr. *Denton* and Mr. *Edward Lloyd*, sent to the Upper House to see Mr. *Macnemara* Qualify himself as Clerk.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they see the said *Macnemara* qualify himself, by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, and by Signing the said Oaths, and by Repeating and Signing the Test, and taking the following Oath,

You Michael Macnemara do Swear, that as Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly, you shall True Entries make of all such Matters and Things, as by the Honourable Speaker for the Time being, and that House, shall be to you directed, the Secrets of the said House you shall not divulge to the prejudice of the House, or any Member thereof, but shall in all Things, as Clerk to the said House, well and truly demean yourself, according to the best of your Knowledge. So help you God.

Mr. *Thomas Jobson* appointed Serjeant at Arms.

Mr. *Thomas Reynolds* appointed Door-keeper.

The House Adjourns to the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Wednesday Morning, May 2. 1739.

THe House Met according to Adjournment.

The House appointed,

Mr. *Walter Smith*, Col. *Hanson*, Mr. *Gassaway*, Mr. *Magruder*, and Mr. *Hynson*, a Committee of Elections and Privileges.

Mr.