

Province must at all Times be absolutely necessary, for in case of an Invasion from a foreign Enemy, without our being in a Condition to oppose them, we may be effectually deprived of the Benefit of all our Laws whatsoever.

As to the great Accumulation of the Country's Charges which you complain of, that must by all candid and impartial Men be imputed to yourselves, since it is wholly owing to your own Endeavours to delay, if not to destroy the necessary Fund above mentioned.

When you have given me a plain Answer to these Things, I shall be better able to judge whether it may not be more conducive to the Benefit of the People, to have an End put to the Session, than to continue it longer, in hopes of your doing something for the Benefit of the People you Represent, which I sincerely wish you would do, and to which I shall always contribute by every Thing in my Power, that is just and reasonable.

23<sup>d</sup> July, 1740.

SAM. OGLE.

Col. King, Dr. Carroll, Col. Colwill, Mr. Calder, and Mr. Nicholas Goldsborough, Ordered to prepare an Address to his Excellency on his Answer.

Edmund Fenings, Esq; delivers Mr. Speaker a Petition of *Thomas Spalding* and *Catharine* his Wife, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to cut off the Entail of a Tract of Land called *Cooper's Purchase*, and to entail Lands of equal value in lieu: And a Petition of the Vestry and sundry Inhabitants of *Queen* Parish in *Prince George's* County praying an Act may pass to Levy on the Taxable Inhabitants the Sum of *Seventy Pounds* to compleat the Repairs of the Chappel in said Parish, and that the said Chappel may hereafter be Repaired at the Parish Charge: Which Petitions were severally Indorsed, *By the Upper House of Assembly, Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House.*

*Philip Lee*, Esq; delivers Mr. Speaker a Petition of *Michael Taylor* a languishing Prisoner in *Prince George's* County, Indorsed, *By the Upper House of Assembly, July 23, 1740, Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly, if a Bill be brought in a Clause be added conformable to the Prayer of Mauduit's Petition:* A Petition of *William Mauduit*, praying that *Michael Taylor* be compelled to give Security for his good Behaviour if Relieved by the Legislature, Indorsed, *By the Upper House of Assembly, referred to the Consideration of the Lower House:* And the Petition of *Nicholas Hammond* Prisoner in *Anne-Arundel* County Goal, Indorsed, *By the Upper House of Assembly, referred to the Consideration of the Lower House.*

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