

pleased to approve of Mr. *Bladen* to be your Governor, who, I am confident, will cultivate by all means that good Understanding which is so necessary for the general Interest of the Common Weal, and I am persuaded you will not be wanting, in your different Stations, to concur in the carrying on such Measures, as are consistent with the true Interest of the Province, in which you may always be assured of my ready Concurrence.

His Excellency made the following Speech.

*Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,*

THE Honour I have of being appointed Governor of this Province, is the more agreeable to me, as it is the Country where I was born, and for whose Interest and Happiness my sincerest and best Wishes have never been wanting.

The little Time since my Arrival makes it impossible for me to be apprised of many Particulars, which may be proper to be recommended to your Consideration; but I hope the War our Sovereign is engaged in, and the many Commotions in *Europe*, which threaten a more general Disturbance, added to a Discovery of the ill Intentions of some Nations of *Indians* towards us, will justify me in pressing it to you, to make such a Provision for Arms and Ammunition, as may be sufficient for our Security.

Gentlemen, as I make no Doubt of your Readiness to promote the Safety and Welfare of the Province, so you may depend upon my hearty Concurrence in any Measure tending to that End, consistent with my Duty to his Majesty, and the Trust reposed in me by his Lordship.

The Lower House returned. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. *Dulany* and Mr. *Wootton* ordered to acquaint his Excellency with their Choice of Clerk, which on their Return they acquainted Mr. Speaker he approved.

Mr. *Calder* and Mr. *Thomas* sent to the Upper House, to see Mr. *Macnemara* qualify himself; they return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, the Clerk had taken the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and took 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*