

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, attended by the rest of the Members, presented the Address to his Excellency.

Mr. Speaker and the rest of the Members return'd.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill be brought in to enforce the Collection of the public Levy, as it was assessed and partly collected by Virtue of an Act, Entituled *An Act for the Assessment and Payment of the public Charge of this Province.*

Leave given, and Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the Bill accordingly.

And that it be an Instruction to the said Committee, to insert a Clause, to enable the Sheriffs, whose Offices are or shall be expired before the Collection, to make Completion.

Mr. *Magruder*, from the Committee of Aggrievances, &c. acquaints Mr. Speaker, that that Committee had made choice of Mr. *Nich. Hammond* for their Clerk: The House approves the Choice.

On Motion of a Member, that the Clerks and Clerks Assistants to the several Committees of this House, be obliged to take the several Oaths to the Government as required by Law, and an Oath of Office.

Ordered, That each Clerk and Clerk-Assistant to every Committee, be obliged to take the several Oaths to the Government as required by Law, and the following Oath of Office, *viz.*

*You A. B. do Swear, that as Clerk to the Committee of ———, you shall true Entries make of all such Matters and Things, as by this Committee, for the Time being, shall be to you directed; the Secrets of the said Committee you shall not divulge, to the Prejudice of the said Committee, or any Member thereof, but shall in all Things, as Clerk to the said Committee, well and truly demean yourself, according to the best of your Knowledge. So help you God.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Henry Hall*, a Justice of the Peace for *Anne-Arundel* County, administer the Oaths to the Government, and Oath of Office, to Mr. *Nicholas Hammond*.

Mr. *Hall* acquaints Mr. Speaker, that he had administered the several Oaths to the Government to Mr. *Nicholas Hammond*, and that the said *Hammond* had signed the Oath of Abjuration, had repeated and signed the Test, and had taken the Oath of Office.

*The House adjourns to the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*