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A sufficient Number of Members to compose a Lower House of Assembly, being met at the Stadt-House, Col. King and Col. Corvill were desired to acquaint his Excellency therewith.

George Plater, Esq; and Col. Hollyday, of the Upper House, and Mr. John Rys, Clerk, came into the Stadt-House, in whose Presence the aforesaid Members took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signed the Oath of Abjuration, and repeated and signed the Test.

Edmund Jennings, Esq; and Col. Hammond, from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of this House, that the Governor required their Attendance in the Upper House.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House; his Excellency required them to return, and make choice of a Speaker: They returned and unanimously made choice of Col. Edward Sprigg, a Representative of Prince George's County, to be their Speaker; and placed him in the Chair.

Col. King and Col. Corvill are sent to acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath made choice of a Speaker.

Col. Hammond and Col. Lloyd, from the Upper House, acquaint this House, that the Governor requires their Attendance in the Upper House, to present their Speaker.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House, and presented Col. Edward Sprigg to the Governor, as their Speaker; His Excellency gave his Approbation of their Choice, and then made the following Speech:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,
OUR Meeting at this Time is occasioned by a Letter I have received from the Governor of New-England, which shall be laid before you: You will find by it, that we are called upon to give our Assistance towards securing to his Majesty's Obedience of our Sovereign, the late Acquisition of Cape-Breton: A Matter of such Importance, not only to the Honour of his Majesty's Arms, but to the general Interest of Great-Britain, and the Colonies upon this Continent, that I am persuaded we shall readily concur in such Measures, as will give Evidence of our Duty to his Majesty, and Zeal for the common Cause. This Service requiring the first Place in your Consultations, and the speediest Dispatch, I shall postpone the Mention of any other Matters to you, 'til we have discharged our Duties upon this Point.

The Members return to their House, and Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair. On Motion that a Clerk to the Lower House be made choice of, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Denton, and Mr. Hanson, are severally proposed for that Office; and the Question being put, Whether the House will make choice of Mr. Tilghman? it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Nicholas Goldsborough and Col. Henry are ordered to acquaint his Excellency with their Choice of a Clerk, and to desire his Approbation thereof: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they delivered their Message, and that the Governor was pleased to approve of the Choice.

Mr. Nicholas Goldsborough and Col. Henry are sent to the Upper House to see Mr. Tilghman qualified, as Clerk of this House: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that they saw the Clerk take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, sign the Oath of Abjuration, repeat and sign the Test, and take the following Oath of Office:

YOU William Tilghman 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.

The Speaker communicates to the House the Letter referred to in the Governor's Speech, from Governor Shirley of New-England, which was ordered to be read.