

New-York, 27th January 1745

PURSUANT to my Recommendation to the Council and Assembly, to make Provision for the Appointment of Commissioners for this Province, to treat with such Commissioners as are or shall be appointed by the neighbouring Governments, upon concerting Measures for our mutual Security, Defence, and Conduct, during the present War; Committees of both Houses have conferred upon the subject Matter thereof, and appointed the said Commissioners for that Purpose, who are to make Report of their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, that such Measures may be taken jointly with the several Governments, as shall be judged most expedient.

They have likewise desired me to represent to the several Governments upon the Continent, the wavering Disposition of the *Indians*, and the fatal Consequences which may arise to all the Colonies in general, in case they should be withdrawn from their Fidelity and Dependence upon the *British Interest*: Whereupon there seems to be an absolute Necessity for the Colonies uniting their Endeavours, at all Events, to secure the *Indians* effectually in our Interest at this critical Conjunction; as the Enemy leave no Artifice untried to seduce them, having many Jesuitical Missionaries constantly residing amongst them; and should they at length prevail with them to revolt, the Frontiers of the respective Colonies, subject to his Majesty, must lie open and exposed to the Insults of the *French* and Savages.

As a Union of Councils from the several Governments, will be the most likely Means of defeating the Designs of so barbarous an Enemy, and advancing the common Cause of his Majesty's Subjects upon the Continent, I doubt not but you will think proper to communicate this Representation to your Council and Assembly, and recommend it to them to follow the like Example with this Government, that Commissioners may be appointed by you, to answer such laudable Ends, I am, with great Respect,

SIR, Your most obedient humble Servant,

To the Honourable Thomas Bladen, Esq;

G. CLINTON

The House appoints Mr. *Thomas Jobson* Serjeant at Arms, and Mr. *Thomas Sparrow* Door-Keeper; and Capt. Gordon is ordered to administer to them the several Oaths to the Government, and Oath of Office.

The House proceeds to appoint the following Committees; viz.

Mr. *Stoughton*, Dr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Philip Hammand*, Mr. *Lloyd*, Col. *Hooper*, Maj. *Hall*, Mr. *Harris*, and Mr. *Key*, a Committee of Laws.

Mr. *Worthington*, Mr. *Smallwood*, Mr. *John Goldsborough*, Capt. *Enalls*, and Col. *Dasbiel*, a Committee of Elections and Privileges.

Dr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Richard Gresham*, Mr. *Paca*, Col. *Hooper*, Mr. *Stedert*, and Mr. *John Goldsborough*, a Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. *Wootton*, Maj. *Sheredine*, Mr. *Worthington*, and Col. *Dasbiel*, a Committee of Accounts.

Mr. *Wootton*, Maj. *Hall*, Mr. *Thomas*, Col. *Hooper*, and Mr. *Addison*, a Committee to inspect the State and Condition of the Arms and Ammunition, and Accounts relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare an Address to the Governor, in Answer to his Speech.

Capt. *Gordon* acquaints Mr. Speaker, that he had administered the Oaths to the Government to Mr. *Thomas Jobson*, and Mr. *Thomas Sparrow*; that they had signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and taken the usual Oath of Office.

Mr. *Philip Hammand*, from the Committee of Laws, acquaints Mr. Speaker, that the Committee had made choice of Mr. *Vachel Denton* to be their Clerk: The House approves the Choice.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Committee of Aggrievances, &c. acquaints Mr. Speaker, that the Committee had made choice of Mr. *William Wilkins*, to be their Clerk: The House approves the Choice.

Col. *Dasbiel*, from the Committee of Accounts, acquaints Mr. Speaker, that the Committee had made choice of Mr. *Richard Dorsey* for their Clerk: The House approves the Choice.

Capt. *Gordon* is ordered to qualify Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *Wilkins*, and Mr. *Dorsey*.

Resolved, that the Hours of Sitting, this Session, be from nine to twelve in the Morning, and from two to five in the Afternoon.

Capt.