

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

IT was with the greatest Pleasure I observed, in your Addresses to me, such a Spirit of Duty and Loyalty to his Majesty, as I am persuaded can only flow from the Hearts of faithful Subjects, sensible of the Happiness they enjoy in the entire Possession of their Liberties, under the Administration of a gracious and good Prince. The wicked and unnatural Rebellion, carried on against our Sovereign's sacred Life and Crown, demands from us every Proof we can give of our Abhorrence of that detestable Enterprize; and I make no Doubt you will all willingly concur in a Proposal I shall make you, of joining in an Association, whereby we may manifest our Principles, and declare our Affections, to the Person of our Sovereign and his Royal Family: This is a Step already taken by most of his Majesty's Subjects, who, from their Situation, have had the Advantage over us, of being more early in giving this Testimony of their Loyalty; we, I hope, shall do it with no less Cheerfulness and Sincerity; not induced thereto by Example only, but from a grateful Sense of those Blessings we enjoy under his Majesty's auspicious Government, and a Detestation of a oppressive and arbitrary Tyranny.

Mr. Speaker and the Members return to their House, and Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair.

His Excellency's Speech being read, *Ordered*, that the Committee of Laws prepare an Address in Answer thereto.

On motion of a Member, Leave is given to bring in a Bill for the easier and better securing the Estates of Debtors absconding, and of Persons Bankrupt, for the Use of their Creditors, and equal Distribution of the same; and *Ordered*, that the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the same.

*The House adjourns 'til 2 of the Clock.*

*Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

A Bill entituled, *An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees*, was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Hammond*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the better Relief of poor Debtors*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*The House adjourns 'til Tomorrow Morning 9 of the Clock.*

*Tuesday Morning, March 18, 1745.*

THE House met according to Adjournment, and the Proceedings of Yesterday were read. Mr. *Richard Gresham* appears in the House.

Maj. *Sberedine*, Col. *Henry*, Mr. *Stoddert*, Mr. *Tilghman*, and Mr. *Wootton*, appointed a Committee, to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly.

Mr. *Hammond*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker an Address to his Excellency, which was read, approved of, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The following Message was sent to the Upper House by Maj. *Sberedine* and Col. *Henry*; viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, *March 18, 1745.*

*May it please your Honours,*

THIS House hath appointed Maj. *Sberedine*, Col. *Henry*, Mr. *Stoddert*, Mr. *Tilghman*, and Mr. *Wootton*, to join such Members of your House, as you shall think proper to name for that Purpose, in a Committee to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly.

Signed per Order, Wm. TILGHMAN, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Mr. *Lecompte*, a returned Member for *Dorchester* County, appears in the House: Capt. *Emalls* and Capt. *Hopper* are sent to the Upper House with Mr. *Lecompte*, to see him qualified; they return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman takes his Seat in the House.