

We find, in *May Assembly*, 1717, the following Entry: 'The House wanting a Clerk to supply the Place of *Thomas Macnemara*, Esq; (being absent from this Province,) make choice of *Michael Jenifer* to be Clerk of this House; who according to the Act of Assembly of this Province entitled, *An Act for the better Security of the Peace, and Safety of his Lordship's Government, and the Protestant Interest, within this Province*, took the several Oaths thereby directed; as also the Oath of a Clerk to this House; his Excellency the Governor and Council not being then sitting.'

We find, in *May Assembly*, 1719, the following Entry: 'The House proceeds to the choice of their Clerk; whereupon *Michael Jenifer* is unanimously chosen; Ordered, That *John Rousby*, Esq; and Mr. *Philip Lee* go to the Upper House, to present the said *Michael Jenifer* for his Excellency's Approbation, and to see him qualified: They return, and say they see him qualified by taking the Oaths according to Act of Assembly, and subscribing the Test, and taking the Oath of Clerk.'

We find, in *October Assembly*, 1722, the following Entry: 'The House proceeds to the choice of their Clerk. *Michael Jenifer* is unanimously chosen; Ordered, That *John Beale*, Esq; and Mr. *Thomas Gant*, go to the Upper House to present the said *Michael*, for his Honour the Governor's Approbation, and to see him qualified: They return, and say they see him qualified by taking the several Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly, and subscribing the Test and the Oath of Clerk.'

We find, in *October Assembly*, 1725, the following Entry: 'The House proceeds to chuse their Clerk; and *Michael Jenifer* is unanimously chosen; Ordered, That Mr. *Crabb* and Capt. *Hooper* go to the Upper House to see him qualified: They return, and say they see him qualified; whereupon the said *Michael Jenifer* takes the usual Oath of Clerk before the Hon. *James Stoddert*, Esq; a Member of this House.'

We find, in *October Assembly*, 1727, the following Entry: 'Ordered, That Capt. *Jordan* and Mr. *Waughop* go to the Upper House to see *Michael Jenifer*, the Clerk of this House, qualified: They return, and say they see him qualified.'

We find, in *October Assembly*, 1728, the following Entry: 'The Members present yesterday, in conformity to the last Day's Adjournment, this Day met; and being incapable of proceeding any further in Business (with conveniency) through the Want of a Clerk, make choice of Mr. *Michael Macnemara* as Clerk of this House: Ordered, That Mr. *Beale* and Mr. *Dulany* go to the Upper House to see Mr. *Macnemara* qualified as Clerk to this House: They return, and acquaint the House that they saw him qualified by taking the several Oaths required by Law, repeating the Test, signing the said several Oaths and Test, and taking the Oath of Office.'

We find, in *July Assembly*, 1731, that *William Cumming* was chosen Clerk of the Lower House, approved by the Governor, and qualified before him in the Upper House, by taking the several Oaths to the Government, and the usual Oath of Clerk.

We find in *August Assembly*, 1731, that Mr. *Macnemara* is again appointed Clerk by the Lower House, sent to the Governor for Approbation, who approved accordingly, and Mr. *Macnemara* was qualified as usual.

We find, in *July Assembly*, 1732, the following Entry: 'The House being incapable of proceeding any further on Business, with Conveniency, through the Want of a Clerk, made choice of Mr. *Michael Macnemara*, the late Clerk: Mr. *Seale* and Mr. *Warfield* were ordered to go to the Upper House to see Mr. *Macnemara* qualified as Clerk to this House: They return, and acquaint the House that they saw him qualified, by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, repeating the Test, signing the said several Oaths and Test, and taking the Oath of Office.'

We find, in *March Assembly*, 1734, the House proceeds to the Choice of a Clerk, and chose Mr. *Michael Macnemara*: Mr. *Hammond* and Mr. *Hemsey* were sent to the Upper House, to present the said *Macnemara* to the Governor for his Approbation, and to see him qualified.

We find the same Method pursued in the Choice of a Clerk, in *May Session*, 1738; and that the same has continued without any Interruption, down to the present Time.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

C. CARROLL,
ROBERT LLOYD,
MAT. HARRIS.

The House having duly considered the Governor's Message of this Day, and the Report made by the Gentlemen appointed to search in the Offices for Precedents in the Journals, relating to the manner of choosing and appointing of Clerks to this House; and the Question being moved to be put, the Question was put, Whether this House will proceed now to qualify their Clerk, by directing him to take the several Oaths necessary for such Qualification, or Not? Resolved unanimously in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Col. *Hooper*, one of the Justices of the Provincial Court, and a Member of this House, do qualify the said *Macnemara* accordingly.

Col. *Hooper* acquaints Mr. Speaker, that in Pursuance of the Order of this House, he did administer to Mr. *Michael Macnemara* the several Oaths to the Government required by Law; and that the said *Michael Macnemara* subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and repeated and subscribed the Test in his Presence, and took the following Oath; *viz.*