

Thursday Morning, *May 25, 1749.*

THE House met according to Adjournment, the Members were called over, and all were present as yesterday: The Proceedings of yesterday were read.

Capt. *Travers* appeared in the House.

The House continued the several Gentlemen on the Committees, that were appointed at the last Meeting in Assembly.

The House having taken the Governor's Speech into Consideration; *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare an Address to his Excellency thereon.

A Petition of *John Smith Prather* to this House, on Behalf of himself and the Freeholders of *Frederick* County, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Committee of Laws, acquaints Mr. Speaker, That that Committee had made choice of Mr. *Vachel Denton* for Clerk, and desires the Approbation of the House. The House approved the Choice, and ordered that Mr. *Denton* be qualified in the usual manner.

Col. *Sprigg*, from the Committee of Accounts, acquaints Mr. Speaker, That that Committee had made choice of Mr. *Richard Dorsey* for Clerk. The House approved the Choice, and ordered that he be qualified in the usual manner.

Mr. *Goldsborough*, from the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, acquaints Mr. Speaker, That that Committee had made choice of Mr. *William Wilkins* for Clerk. The House approves the Choice, and ordered that he be qualified in the usual manner.

Col. *Sprigg*, from the Committee of Elections and Privileges, acquaints Mr. Speaker, That that Committee had made choice of Mr. *Thomas Harwood* for Clerk. The House approved the Choice, and ordered that he be qualified in the usual manner.

Capt. *Addison*, from the Committee appointed to enquire into the State and Condition of the Arms and Ammunition, and Accounts thereto relating, acquaints Mr. Speaker, That that Committee had made choice of Mr. *Robert Tyler* for Clerk. The House approved the Choice, and ordered that he be qualified in the usual manner.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to the Governor; which was read, approved, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

The House approved the following Rules; and *Ordered*, That they be observed:

I. That no Member of this House shall use any reviling Speeches, or name any Member by his proper Name, otherwise than for Distinction sake; but shall rather use some other Signification, as, *The Gentleman that spoke last*, or the like.

II. That no Member speak above once at the reading of any Bill or Debate, without License of the Speaker and the House; and if two Persons, or more, shall rise up together, the Speaker shall appoint who shall speak first, and no Member shall interrupt any other, until the Gentleman speaking hath ended.

III. That none shall deliver his Opinion, or speak to any Bill or Debate, unless he shall stand up, and reverently direct his Speech to the Speaker.

IV. That every Bill proposed to the House shall be read two several Days, before it is sent to the Upper House, and once after, before it be Ingrossed; and that between every Reading one Day shall be intermitted; and, That in that Time the Bill be laid on the Table, for the Perusal of all the Members; unless, on very urgent Occasions, Mr. Speaker, with the Consent of the House, shall dispense therewith: And then one Bill being read twice at one sitting, shall be as sufficient as if read several Days, when so entered in the Clerk's Journal.

V. That