

Mr. Speaker they deliver'd the Message, and that his Excellency was pleas'd to signify, that he was ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Col. Hooper, with three more, do present the Address to the Governor.

Mr. Harris hath Leave to go home.

*The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.
Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Answer; *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

IT is a great Satisfaction to me, to find that you have come to a Resolution of presenting your Clerk for Approbation, in the usual Manner; and I am persuaded this Method, so agreeable to, and confirm'd by repeated Usage, will never be thought to affect any real Privilege of your House, or the Rights of those you represent.

SAM. OGLE.

The Petition of *John Darnall*, on Behalf of himself and others, Freeholders in *Frederick County*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, preferred to this House, was read; and on Consideration thereof, *Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do issue Summons for Mr. *Reverdee Ghiselin*, Deputy Clerk of the said County, to attend at the Bar of this House on Thursday next, as a Witness to prove the Facts therein contained; and to bring with him a Copy, from the Records of the Proceedings at *March Court* last, held for that County; as also of the Proceedings at the late Election for that County; and a Copy of the Proceedings at the Court held for Proclamation of the Writ of Election, and a Copy of the Commission to the Justices of the said County, by which they qualified as Magistrates; all under Seal of the County aforesaid.

It being moved that the Clerk of this House be sent to his Excellency the Governor, with two Members, for Approbation, and to be qualified in the Upper House; *Ordered*, That Col. *Hooper* and Col. *Scarborough* go (with Mr. *Macnemara*) to acquaint the Governor, that the Lower House of Assembly had chose him for Clerk, and to desire his Excellency's Approbation, and to see him qualified.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker that they delivered the Message to the Governor; who signified that he approved the Choice, and that they saw the Clerk qualified, by taking the usual Oaths to the Government, and the following Oath of Office; *viz.*

You Michael Macnemara 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 Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of *St. Mary's County*, in Behalf of themselves and others, Freeholders, Freemen, and Voters, in the said County, preferred to this House, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, was read. *Ordered*, That the same be heard at the Bar of this House on Thursday the 8th Day of *June* next; and that

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