

Ordered, That Mr. *Hyland* and Mr. *George* do go with Mr. *Pearce* to the Upper House, to see him take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, &c. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

Col. *Lloyd*, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message; *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, December 12, 1751.

Gentlemen,

WE have been informed, that some of the Timbers of the House designed for the Governor are rotten, a great many of the Shingles stolen, and the other Materials in Danger of being rendered quite useless.

We apprehend, that it will be of Service to the Public to make some Enquiry into the Truth of what we have been told, that it may be considered, whether it would not be necessary to take proper Measures to prevent a total Loss of the Money already laid out on that House, by rendering it fit for some Use: If your Sentiments agree with ours, we propose that some Members of both Houses be appointed to inspect the House and Materials, and make their Report to both Houses of the Condition they are in.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

Ordered, That Mr. *Key*, Dr. *Carroll*, Col. *H. Hooper*, and Mr. *Tilghman*, do join the Members appointed by the Upper House, in drawing an Address to be presented to his Majesty.

The Petition of *John Paca*, and others, complaining of an undue Election in *Baltimore* County came on to be heard at the Bar of the House this Day.

Upon hearing the Allegations, Proofs, and Defence, and after mature Deliberation, it appears to the House, that the Sheriff of the said County did not give ten Days Notice of the said Election, agreeable to the Tenor of his Writ: That the Clerk who took the Poll was not sworn, as by Law he ought: And likewise, That altho' many of the Candidates requested and agreed, that the said Sheriff might adjourn the Election to the next Day, he omitted so to do; whereby many Voters were deprived of an Opportunity of giving their Votes.

Resolved therefore, That the same is a void Election; and that Mr. *William Govane*, Mr. *Lloyd Buchanan*, Mr. *Thomas Franklin*, and Major *Charles Ridgely*, are not duly elected Delegates for the said County, and that they be dismissed from any further Attendance.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do acquaint those Gentlemen with the Resolution of the House; which he did accordingly. The Gentlemen withdrew.

Resolved, That Major *Thomas Sheredine* be fined the Sum of Twenty Shillings Sterling Money, for his Misconduct at the late Election for *Baltimore* County.

Ordered, That the Committee of *Accounts* do tax the several Fees due to the Officers of the House, and to Witnesses summoned for their Attendance, relating to the Petition of *John Paca*, and others, and make Report to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Secretary of this Province, to issue a new Writ of Election directed to the Sheriff of *Baltimore* County, to elect four Delegates to serve in this present Assembly, in the Room of those whose Election is declared void.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message; *viz.*

Gentlemen,