

By the 3d, he (the late Governor) was required in "like Manner to renew and fill up all the other Places and Offices in the said Province, which had become vacant by the Death of the said late Lord Proprietary, by reinstating the late Possessors thereof in their respective Places and Offices; and if any such Officers should be dead, by appointing other Persons to succeed to their Places; for which Purpose, he (the late Governor) was to grant the usual Commissions."

Immediately after the Receipt of the said Commission and Instructions, the Gentlemen of the Council were qualified by taking all the Oaths required by Law, repeating the Test, and subscribing the Oath of Abjuration and the Test; and the other Places and Offices were filled up according to the said third Order or Instruction, by reinstating the former Possessors, among whom I was one, as President.

And thus the Government devolved upon me, upon the Death of the late Governor; and the Council desired, consented, and advised me to appoint all necessary Officers for the due Administration of Justice.

Upon the Restoration of the Government to the late Lord Proprietary, there was a Commission from his Lordship, and the Lord Guilford, his Guardian, in the Year 1715; to *Thomas Brooke, Esq; Edward Lloyd, William Holland, William Coursey, Thomas Ennals, Samuel Young, Thomas Greenfield, John Hall, Thomas Addison, William Whittington, Philemon Lloyd, Richard Tilghman, and Thomas Smith, Esquires*, to be of his Council: But no Commission was ever sent to the Council after the late Lord Proprietary attained his full Age; but those Gentlemen who have been of the Council, have been nominated and appointed by the Governor for the Time being, called up to the Council Board, and sworn; the Governor intimating, that he had his Lordship's Directions for that Purpose.

BENJA. TASKER.

His Honour the President communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Answer.

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

I RETURN you hearty Thanks for your kind Address, and you may be assured I shall with Pleasure concur with you, in every Thing in my Power, for the Good and Advantage of this Province.

BENJA. TASKER.

*The House adjourns until to Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

Friday Morning, *June 5, 1752.*

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

On motion that a Bill be brought in for the Recovery of small Debts out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On motion that a Bill be brought in to repeal an Act entituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of such Persons as will undertake to build Water-Mills*; Leave is given; *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

*The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.*

*Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Hollyday,