

The Money in the Treasurers Hands, for the purchasing of Arms and Ammunition, being near exhausted, I must recommend to you, in the strongest Manner, the raising a sufficient Fund for that Purpose, so necessary at this Time, for the Defence of the Province: And must likewise observe, that the present State of the Militia, requires your most serious Attention.

*Gentlemen,*

There never was a Conjunction, in which your Unanimity, Vigour, and Dispatch, were more necessary than now: And, as I depend upon the Prudence of your Resolutions, I am persuaded, you will make such Provisions adequate to the present Emergency, as will best express your Zeal, for his Majesty's Service, the Security and Welfare of this Province, and the Support of the common Cause.

Mr. Speaker (with the other Members) returned to the Lower House, and re-assumed the Chair.

His Excellency's Speech was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*Ordered,* That the Rules of the House observed last Session, be observed as such this Session.

*Ordered,* That the Gentlemen who were of the several Committees from this House last Session, be continued thereon this Session.

*Ordered,* That Dr. *Hamilton*, do acquaint the Reverend Mr. *Myers*, that he is desired, by this House, to read Divine Service, at Seven o'Clock in the Morning, and at Six of the Clock Afternoon, during this Session.

On motion, *Ordered,* That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Secretary of this Province, forthwith to make out a Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of *Kent* County, to elect a Delegate to serve in this Assembly, in the Room of Mr *Abraham Falconar*, deceased.

*The House adjourns till the morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

Thursday, July 18, 1754.

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

Mr. *J. Goldsborough*, Mr. *Waggaman*, Mr. *Gillis*, and Capt. *Handy*, appeared in the House.

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

Col. *John Henry*, a Delegate returned to serve in this Assembly for *Worcester* County, appeared in the House.

*Ordered,*