

*Ordered*, That Col. *Tilghman* and Col. *Henry* do acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith.

Col. *Hammond* and Col. *Lloyd*, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor requires the Members of the Lower House to attend him immediately in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Rest of the Members of the Lower-House) attended the Governor in the Upper House; where his Excellency made the following SPEECH, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN of the Upper and Lower Houses of ASSEMBLY,

“ YOU will learn from some Minutes which the Earl of *LOUDOUN* has given me to lay before you, that a Plan has been formed for the better Defence of his Majesty's Dominions in *North-America*, and for Annoying his Majesty's Enemies in these Parts: You will also see what Share his Lordship expects you will take in carrying the Plan into Execution: And as the Supplies that I am to ask of you are small, in Comparison to what some of his Majesty's Colonies generously offered to grant on this Occasion, and your Troops to be employed for the more immediate Protection of this Province, I need not, I hope, use any other Arguments to press you to comply with his Lordship's Requisitions. And as I doubt not but we all meet sincerely disposed to manifest our Zeal for, and to promote, the Service of our most gracious Sovereign, I flatter myself we shall proceed with Unanimity, and give such Dispatch to the Business on which we are Assembled, as the present Posture of Affairs, and the advanced Season, require.”

His Excellency then delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Minutes Referred to in his Speech.

*The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.*

*Post-Mortem.*—The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

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

*Resolved*, That this House will sit, for the Dispatch of Public Business, during this Session, daily, from IX of the Clock until XII at Noon, and from II of the Clock until V Afternoon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Greene* do acquaint the Reverend Mr. *Thomas Chase*, That he is Requested by this House to Read Divine Service daily, at a Quarter past VIII of the Clock in the Forenoon, and at V of the Clock Afternoon, during this Session.

On Motion, *Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant, directed to the Deputy-Secretary of this Province, to make out a Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of *Somerset County*, to Elect a Delegate, to serve in the General Assembly, now sitting, in the Room of Capt. *John Handy*, Deceased: Also, a Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of *Prince-George's County*, to Elect a Delegate, to serve in this present General Assembly, in the Room of Mr. *John Hawkins*, junior, Deceased: Also, one other Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of *Talbot County*, to Elect a Delegate, to serve in this present General Assembly, in the Room of Mr. *James Edge*, Deceased.

*Bened. B. Calvert*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Letter, which was directed to his Excellency the Governor from Col. *Thomas Crelap*; which inclosed an Advertisement of a certain *Daniel Crelap*; Indorsed, “By the Upper House of Assembly, 8th of *April*, 1757. Read and Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly;” which was here Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Reading his Excellency's Speech, *Ordered*, That Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Hammond*, Mr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Munroe*, and Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, do prepare an Address to his Excellency thereon.

*Richard Lee*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of *John Kirk Patrick*; Indorsed, “By the Upper House of Assembly, 8th of *April*, 1757. Read and Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.” The said Petition was here Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Col. *Taylor*, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of the Justices of *Frederick County*; Indorsed, “By the Upper House of Assembly, 8th of *April*, 1757. Read and Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly;” which Petition was here Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *William Watkins*, Clerk of the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, be Discharged from his Attendance on that Committee during this Session.

*The House adjourns to the House of the Reverend Mr. Thomas Chase, there to meet on the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.*