

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

The House proceeded on the Enquiry into the Petition of *Henry Woodward*, against the Election of Delegates for the City of *Annapolis*; and after hearing the Allegations of the said *Mr. Henry Woodward* the Petitioner, and *Dr. George Steuart* the Sitting Member, by their Council, upon the most mature Consideration of the Merits of the said Election, *Resolved*, That the said *Dr. George Steuart*, Returned as a Citizen and Delegate for the City of *Annapolis*, is not duly Elected.

Ordered, That *Mr. Speaker* do acquaint him, That he is Dismissed from any further Attendance in the House; which *Mr. Speaker* accordingly did.

Resolved Unanimously, That *Mr. Henry Woodward* is duly Elected a Delegate for the City of *Annapolis*.

The Question was put, Whether the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, of the City of *Annapolis*, be sent for to alter the Return made by them, in the Indenture annexed to the Writ of Election directed to them, or Not? *Resolved* in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE,

Messrs	{	Key,	Reynolds,	J. Dorsey,	Baker,	Henry,
		Suthoron,	E. Gantt,	Cockey Deye,	Dulany,	Handy,
		Hynson,	Hanson,	Owings,	Murdock,	Harris,
		Rafin,	Willson,	Hyland,	Bracco,	Chapline,
		Hammond,	Sulivane,	Earle,	Sudler,	E. Dorsey.
		Gaffaway,	Govane,			

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Messrs	{	Plater,	Carroll,	Stoddert,	T. Gantt,	E. Tilghman,
		Williamson,	Worthington,	M. Tilghman,	King,	Beatty,
		Tilden,	Lee,	Frafer,	Lloyd,	Crefap.

Resolved, That the Serjeant at Arms do acquaint *John Bullen*, Esq; late Mayor of the City of *Annapolis*, That this House requires his immediate Attendance; who accordingly appearing at the Bar; *Mr. Speaker* delivered himself in the following Manner:

The House, after a full Enquiry into the Merits of the Election for the City of *Annapolis*, have found and *Resolved*, that *Dr. George Steuart* was not duly Elected.

They have likewise found and Resolved, that *Mr. Henry Woodward* is duly Elected, and therefore ought to have been Returned; and have accordingly sent for you, as having been principal Member of the said Corporation at the Time when the Return was made, and having signed thereto as such, to regulate the Return, by Erasing the Name of *Dr. George Steuart*, and Inserting in it's Place the Name of *Henry Woodward*, who is the Person you ought at first to have mentioned therein; and you are Ordered by this House to do it accordingly.

In Pursuance whereof, the Return was, by the said *John Bullen*, altered accordingly.

Ordered, That *Mr. Henry Woodward* do make his Appearance in the House; which he accordingly did.

Ordered, That *Mr. Dulany* and *Mr. Worthington* do go with that Gentleman to the Upper House to see him Qualified. They return and acquaint *Mr. Speaker*, They saw him Qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

On Motion, *Ordered*, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of Yesterday Afternoon; and that *Col. Tilghman*, *Mr. Lloyd*, *Mr. Murdock*, *Mr. Carroll*, and *Mr. Edward Dorsey*, do prepare and bring in such Address.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to *Mr. Speaker*, the following Message, viz.

“ GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

“ I CANNOT inform you what Number of Regular Troops will be certainly sent to Quarter in this Province, during the approaching Winter; but *Sir John St. Clair*, his Majesty's Deputy-Quarter-Master-General in *America*, tells me, that he imagines the *Earl of Loudoun* will order Two Regiments hither. Should his Lordship come to that Resolution, I submit it to you whether the Officers and Men may not, if the Deputy-Quarter-Master-General gives Directions for their being so distributed, be accommodated at the Places mentioned in the inclosed Paper.

“ HOR^o. SHARPE.”

“ At <i>Baltimore-Town</i> in <i>Baltimore County</i> ,	_____	_____	_____	Two Companies,
“ At <i>Annapolis</i> ,	_____	_____	_____	Three Companies,
“ At <i>London-Town</i> in <i>Anne-Arundel County</i> ,	_____	_____	_____	One Company,
“ At <i>Upper-Marlborough</i> in <i>Prince-George's County</i> ,	_____	_____	_____	One Company,

“ At