

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker. Ordered, That Mr. Carroll and Mr. Stoddert do acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath prepared an Address, to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor will receive it in the Conference Chamber, in Half an Hour.

Ordered, That Mr. Edward Tilghman, with Five more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

Mr. Dorsey has Leave of Absence till Wednesday.

The Order of the Day being Read; the House proceeds to take the Petition of Capt. Evan Shelby into Consideration, and Referred the same to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message:

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

AS it is not usual with me to order the Great Seal to be affixed to any Papers which I have not seen, you will, I hope, excuse me for declining to comply with your Request of Yesterday; besides, Gentlemen, altho' the Lower House of Assembly of this Province hath heretofore transmitted a separate Address to be presented to their Sovereign, yet I cannot learn that they ever desired to have the Great Seal affixed thereto; nor indeed can I conceive (tho' perhaps my ordering the Seal to be affixed to the Address you speak of, may be construed by some as a kind of Assent to it's Contents) that the Seal may be of any Consequence, since I cannot suppose you will desire any Person to present your Address, whose Character is not too well established, to leave any Room for his Majesty, or his Ministers, to suspect, that he would presume to offer any Address but an authentic One.

2d May, 1761.

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Charles Hammond, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petition of John Pate, Robert Adair, and Margaret Pata; which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Journal of Accounts was Read and Assented to by the Lower House of Assembly.

Ordered, That Mr. Govane and Three more carry the Journal of Accounts to the Upper House.

The House adjourns till Monday Morning IX of the Clock.

M O N D A Y, May 4, 1761.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as on Saturday, except Mr. Beall, Mr. Govane, and Mr. Dorsey. The Proceedings were Read. Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Hynson, and Mr. Hammond, appear in the House. The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning IX of the Clock.

T U E S D A Y, May 5, 1761.

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

Mr. Edward Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entituled, *An Act for procuring Laws, in Order to perpetuate the Bounds thereof, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Ringgold brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entituled, *An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entituled, An Act for quieting Possessions, enrolling Conveyances, and securing the Estates of Purchasers*. Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petition of Samuel Chapman, and Arthur Collins: thus Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, May 5th, 1761. Read and Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

Which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

As also the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Queen-Anne Town; thus Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, May 5th, 1761. Read and Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

Which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridion. The House met according to Adjournment.

The following Message from his Excellency the Governor, was communicated to Mr. Speaker:

GENTLEMEN