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authorized," &c. and that the Writ of Election for Charles County does vary from the said Form, by the Words *shall and may* being left out in the said Paragraph of the said Writ. And that in the Writ of Election for Frederick County, the Words *affixed to these Presents*, expressed in the latter Part of the Form of the Writ directed by the Act of Assembly of this Province, is also omitted. Both which Variances we take to be Omissions of the Clerk in making out the said Writs.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, RICHARD TILGHMAN, junior, Clerk.

Mr. Charles Goldsborough brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Adjournment and Continuance of Queen-Anne's and Prince-George's County Courts*; which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House appointed Mr. William Wilkins a Clerk, to attend the several Committees that may be appointed this Session.

Ordered, That Mr. Henry Hall do Qualify him in the usual Manner.

Mr. Henry Hall acquaints Mr. Speaker, That Mr. William Wilkins had taken the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and took the following Oath of Office:

You William Wilkins do swear, that you will true Entries make of all such Matters and Things as shall be to you directed by any Committee of the Lower House of Assembly, for whom you shall act as Clerk; and that you will not divulge the Secrets of the said House of Assembly, or of any Committee thereof; but will, in all Things, well and truly demean yourself, according to the best of your Knowledge: So help you God.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Adjournment and Continuance of Queen-Anne's and Prince-George's County Courts*, was Read a second Time by especial Order, and will pass; and was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Edward Tilghman and Mr. Wright.

The following Message was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Ringgold and Mr. Hanson.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, March 19th, 1762.

May it please your HONOURS,

THIS House being very sensible, that many Matters relative to the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, and the Payments and Returns of other Officers into that Office, require as early an Inspection as possible, we hope it will be looked upon as a sufficient Excuse for repeating our Message of Yesterday, desiring your Honours to appoint one or more Members of your House to join the Members of this House, appointed for that Purpose.

Signed per Order, J. A. THOMAS, Cl. Lo. Ho.

On Motion, Ordered, That Mr. John Goldsborough, Mr. Beall, and Mr. Hayward, be a Committee to enquire what Laws will expire at the End of this Session, and Report the same to the House.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning IX of the Clock.

SATURDAY, March 20, 1762.

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

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

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

I AM obliged to you for your Promise, to take immediately into your most serious Consideration, the Matters, which, in Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, I have recommended to you, and shall be much pleased, if your Conduct, during the Course of this Session, evinces your Loyalty and Gratitude to the Best of Kings, and your Readiness to comply with his Requisitions.

The Misconceit of former Lower Houses, in any Attempts they may have made towards the Establishment of an Agent in London, to represent their Transactions to his Majesty and his Ministers, you will not, I am in Hopes, impute to me; and if the Journals of the House of Delegates, and the several Bills offered by them, to the Upper House, may be supposed to contain a true Representation of their Proceedings, I presume there cannot have been that great Necessity which you seem to apprehend, for the Appointment of such a Person, because those Journals have been regularly transmitted for the Information of his Majesty's Ministers; and as the Lower House Journal, for the Session held in March 1758, contained the Arguments which had been urged by both Houses against, and in support of, the Supply Bill you seem to allude to, I took the Liberty (being as desirous as any Gentleman among you, to have the Dispute finally determined) to refer Mr. PITT, who was then one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to that Journal in particular, for a clear and full State of the Dispute, which had subsisted between the Two Houses, and I moreover told him, that I was afraid no Supplies for the King's Service would be granted in this Province, unless his Majesty should be pleased to have the Dispute thoroughly examined into, and finally settled. At the Desire of the Lower House in December 1757, I sent a Copy (attested by their Clerk) of the Supply Bill they had then Framed, to the Commander in Chief of the King's Forces in North-America, who was so far from thinking it an Evidence of their Zeal to promote the Service of his Royal Master, that he applauded the Conduct of the Upper House in rejecting it. The Opinion of Mr. PRATT, his Majesty's Attorney-General, on the Supply Bill that was offered to the Upper House in April 1758, (which Opinion I communicated to the People's Representatives about Two Years ago) will shew you in what Light those Offers of theirs, which you term Generous ones, were seen by him; and I am apt to think they appeared in pretty much the same Light to his Majesty's Ministers.