

*Stephen Bordley*, and *John Ridout*, Esquires, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and attended with the Members of the Lower House, went to the Upper House, where his Excellency made the following SPEECH:

GENTLEMEN of the Upper and Lower Houses of ASSEMBLY,

THE unexampled Successes with which his Majesty's vigorous Measures were Blessed, during the Course of the late War, having, since I had last an Opportunity of Addressing myself to you in your Legislative Capacity, enabled Him to restore Peace to his People, on Terms of Glory and great Advantage; Terms particularly calculated for the future Security and Prosperity of these Colonies, I cannot open this Session without Congratulating you on that happy Event, as well as on the auspicious Birth of a Prince of *Wales*, under whom your Posterity may enjoy the innumerable Blessings, We, in common, with the Rest of his Majesty's Subjects, at this Period, derive from the propitious Reign of the Best of Sovereigns.

I have been induced, *Gentlemen*, to convene you at this Time, by an Opinion that you would be glad to have an Opportunity, before the Expiration of our Inspection Law, of Considering what farther Amendments to that Act it might be expedient to make for the better Advancement of our Staple, and by what other Means, consistent with the Laws of *Great-Britain*, the whole Trade of this Province might be Encouraged and Promoted. You will also, I presume, think it your Duty to examine at this Time into the State of our public Funds; and, if necessary, to provide for any Deficiencies which may have arisen from the long Continuance of the War, or other Accidents; and if you should now have Leisure to consider the Claims which those of the Militia, whom the Necessity of the Times obliged me to order into actual Service, and many other Persons have on the Public, I am in Hopes you will both adjust such Accounts, and make the necessary Provision for Payment.

Interested, *Gentlemen*, as you are in the Prosperity and Welfare of this Province, you come together, I flatter myself, at this Time with a proper Disposition and Temper to advance it, and with a Resolution to avoid every Measure that can tend to interrupt the Harmony which ought to subsist between those whose true Interests are the same, and which alone can render your Meetings of any real Benefit or Utility to your Country.

The Petition of *Michael Macnemara*, late Clerk of this House, Praying to be re-chosen and presented to his Excellency the Governor in the usual manner, was Preferred and Read.

On Reading the said Petition, the Question was put, that the said *Michael Macnemara* be re-chosen Clerk of this House. RESOLVED in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. *J. J. Mackall*, and Mr. *John Hammond*, do acquaint his Excellency the Governor, that this House has made choice of Mr. *Michael Macnemara* as Clerk of the House, and desire to know if he Approves thereof.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified his Approbation of the Choice, and desired that he might be sent to the Upper House to be Qualified.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Worthington*, and Doctor *Stewart*, do go with Mr. *Macnemara* to the Upper House, to see him Qualified as Clerk.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they saw Mr. *Macnemara* take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribe the Oath of Abjuration, repeat and sign the Test, and take the following Oath, *viz.*

You *Michael Macnemara* do swear, that, as Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly, you shall true Entries make of all such Matters and Things, as by the Honourable Speaker for the Time being, and that House, shall be to you directed: The Secrets of the said House you shall not divulge, to the Prejudice of the House, or any Member thereof; but shall in all Things, as Clerk to the said House, well and truly demean yourself, according to the best of your Knowledge: So help you God.

Mr. *Edmund Key*, a Delegate returned for *St. Mary's County*, and Mr. *Nathan Baker*, a Delegate returned for *Cecil County*, appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Benjamin Mackall*, and Mr. *Ward*, do go with those Gentlemen to the Upper House to see them Qualified.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, the Gentlemen were Qualified in the usual Manner, by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, by subscribing the Oath of Abjuration, and by repeating and signing the Test.

The Gentlemen severally took their Seats in the House.

RESOLVED, That the Hours of Sitting during this Session, for dispatch of Public Business, be from Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon until Twelve, and from Two of the Clock until Five Afternoon.

ORDERED, That Mr. *John Hall* do acquaint the Reverend Mr. *Dewie*, that he is desired by this House, to read Divine Service during this Session, every Morning at a Quarter before Nine, and at Five Afternoon.

On Reading a second Time the Governor's Speech; ORDERED, That Mr. *Robert Lloyd*, Mr. *John Hall*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *John Hammond*, Mr. *Key*, and Mr. *Dulany*, do prepare and bring in an Address in Answer thereto.