

A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose a Lower House of Assembly, being convened at the Stadt-House,

ORDERED, That *James Hollyday*, and *John Hammond*, Esqrs. do acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith.

*Benedict Calvert*, and *Daniel Dulany*, Esqrs. 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 (with the rest of the Members of the Lower House) attended his Excellency in the Upper House, where the Governor made the following Speech, viz.

GENTLEMEN of both Houses of ASSEMBLY,

I NEED not, I flatter myself, at this Time, assure you, that it is my Desire, on all Occasions, to act agreeably to your Inclinations, and that it is the Height of my Ambition to merit your good Opinion, together with the Approbation of those from whom I derive my Authority.

As the Intimation which you, Gentlemen of the Lower House, were pleased to give me, when you were last convened, left me no Room to doubt but you would be glad to meet again at this Season, I resolved to gratify you; and, as I persuade myself, you will all endeavour to improve the good Understanding that subsisted between the Two Houses during the last Session, I have the highest Expectations that this will be productive of much Good to the Province, and make the Country ample Amends for the Expence attending it.

Gentlemen, Having received from his Majesty's Ministers, Copies of several Acts of Parliament, that were lately made in *Great-Britain*, for the peculiar Advantage of the Colonies, and are so many Evidences of our most gracious Sovereign's, and the Parliament's Attention to the Interests and Prosperity of his Majesty's *American* Subjects, I thought it my Duty to notify the same by Proclamation, and with Pleasure embrace this Opportunity of congratulating you on the happy Turn of Affairs in favour of these Colonies, and the pleasing Prospect now afforded us.

Mr. Speaker (with the rest of the Members) returned to the Lower House, and resumed the Chair.

*John Ridout*, Esq; and *Col. Hooper*, with *Doctor Upton Scott*, Clerk of the Upper House, came into the Lower House, before whom the several Delegates aforesaid, took the Oath of Abjuration, prescribed to be taken by a late Act of Parliament, made the last Session, and subscribed the same.

The Governor's Speech was read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

ORDERED, That *John Hall*, Esq; do acquaint the Rev<sup>d</sup>. *Mr. Robert Read*, that he is requested by this House to read Divine Service at a Quarter before Nine of the Clock in the Morning, and at Five of the Clock Afternoon, during this Session.

ORDERED, That the Governor's Speech be Read the Second Time, which was accordingly.

ORDERED, That *Thomas Ringgold*, *James Hollyday*, *William Murdock*, Esqrs. *Col. Tilghman*, *Thomas Johnson*, *John Hall*, and *John Hammond*, Esqrs. do prepare and bring in an Address to the Governor on his Speech.

ORDERED, That the Hours of Sitting for Dispatch of Public Business, be from Nine of the Clock in the Morning until Twelve, and from Two of the Clock Afternoon until Five.

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock.*

POST MERIDIEM. The House met according to Adjournment.

ORDERED, That *Mr. Henry Hall*, a Magistrate of *Anne-Arundel* County, do administer the Oath prescribed by Act of Parliament, made the last Session, to *Mr. John Duckett*, *Mr. Turbutt Wright*, *Mr. Thomas Duckett*, and *Mr. Henry Wilkins*, as Clerks to the several Committees attending this House; and to *Capt. Robert Saunders*, as Serjeant at Arms; and *Mr. Cornelius Howard*, as Door-Keeper to this House.

He acquaints Mr. Speaker, that they had severally taken the said Oath.

The Rules agreed to last Session, are Ordered to be observed as such during this Session.

*The House adjourns till Monday Morning at IX of the Clock.*

## MONDAY, November 3.

THE House met.

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock.*

POST MERIDIEM. The House met.

*Mr. Earle*, and *Mr. Dent*, appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That *Mr. Baker* and *Mr. Hanson*, do go to the Upper House with those Gentlemen, to see them take the Oath of Abjuration, prescribed by the Act of Parliament made last Session.

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