

*Benedict Calvert* and *John Ridout*, Esquires, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Members of the Lower House immediately in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, attended by the Members of the Lower House, went to the Council Chamber; where his Excellency made a Speech to both Houses, in Substance as follows.

*Gentlemen of both Houses,*

I HAVE only to request your Attention to the several Matters recommended for your Deliberation at the last Meeting.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the Members of the Lower House, returned. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs; and that Mr. *J. Hall*, Mr. *Paca*, Mr. *Thomas*, Mr. *Lloyd*, Mr. *Beall*, Mr. *Hammond*, Mr. *Chamberlaine*, Mr. *Smallwood*, Mr. *So. Wright*, and Mr. *Earle*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.*

W E D N E S D A Y, November 17, 1773.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. *Turbutt Wright* and Mr. *Tolly* appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That Mr. *T. Wright* be added to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the Bill for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, &c.

RESOLVED, That the Hours for sitting for the Dispatch of the public Business during this Session, be from Nine o'Clock in the Morning until One in the Afternoon, and from Three till Five.

ORDERED, That a Message be prepared to the Upper House, acquainting them therewith.

ORDERED, That the Rules of last Convention be observed as the Rules of this Session.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Turbutt Wright*, Mr. *Hammond*, Mr. *J. Hall*, Mr. *Wootton*, and Mr. *Lyles*, be a Committee of Elections and Privileges.

Mr. *Beall*, Mr. *Chamberlaine*, Mr. *Paca*, Mr. *Thomas*, Mr. *Lloyd*, Mr. *Reeder*, and Mr. *Deye*, a Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. *Chamberlaine*, Mr. *Deye*, Mr. *Sim*, Mr. *Wootton*, Mr. *Earle*, Mr. *Veazy*, Mr. *Griffith*, Mr. *Richardson*, and Mr. *Weems*, a Committee of Accounts.

Mr. *Beall*, Mr. *T. Wright*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Sudler*, Mr. *Parran*, Mr. *Hawkins*, and Mr. *Gilpin*, a Committee to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit.

ORDERED, That a Message be prepared to the Upper House acquainting them therewith.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Thomas*, Mr. *Hawkins*, Mr. *Griffith*, Mr. *J. Hall*, Mr. *Wootton*, Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *Smallwood*, and Mr. *So. Wright*, be a Committee to inspect into the several public Offices, and report to the House the State and Condition of them.

Mr. *Lloyd*, Mr. *Ware*, Mr. *Sim*, Mr. *Deye*, Mr. *Weems*, Mr. *Griffith*, and Mr. *Veazy*, a Committee to inspect into the State of the Arms and Ammunition.

The House appoint Mr. *Gabriel Duwall* and Mr. *John Courts Jones* Committee Clerks. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Paca* do acquaint the Reverend Mr. *Love*, that he is desired by this House to read Divine Service every Morning during this Session at Nine o'Clock.

The following Messages, viz.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, November 17, 1773.

May it please your HONOURS,

THIS House hath appointed from Nine o'Clock in the Morning until One in the Afternoon, and from Three till Five, for its sitting every Day during this Session for the Dispatch of the public Business.

Signed by Order,

JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, November 17, 1773.

May it please your HONOURS,

THIS House hath appointed Messrs. *Beall*, *T. Wright*, *Bond*, *Sudler*, *Parran*, *Hawkins*, and *Gilpin*, to join one or more of the Members of your House as a Committee to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit.

Signed by Order,

JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Were sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Hawkins* and Mr. *Sudler*.

*Benjamin Ogle*, Esq; from the Upper House delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message.