A sufficient Number of the Members of the Lower House being L.H.J. convened at the Stadt House, Ordered, That Mr. John Goldsborough, and Mr. Govane, do acquaint his Excellency therewith.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker that they delivered the Message.

Col. Hammond, and Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; 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 other Members of the p. 97 Lower House) went to the Upper House; where his Excellency made the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

[The speech which follows is printed in full in the Upper House Journal, pages 121-2.]

Mr. Speaker (with the other Members) returned to the Lower p. 98 House and re-assumed the Chair.

On Motion, Ordered, That his Excellency the Governor's Speech be Read.

The Governor's Speech was Read, and ordered to lie on the Table. Ordered, That the Gentlemen who were on the several Committees last Session, be continued thereon this Session.

Ordered. That the Rules of the House observed last Session, be observed as such this Session.

Resolved, That the Hours of Sitting for Dispatch of Public Business, be from Eight until Twelve before Noon, and from Two until Six Afternoon.

Ordered, That Mr. Dulany, do acquaint the Reverend Mr. Mac Pherson, that he is desired, by this House, to read Divine Service, Morning and Evening, during this Session.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant, directed to the Deputy Secretary of this Province, forthwith to make out a new Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of St. Mary's County, to elect a Delegate to serve in this Assembly, in the Room of Mr. Teremiah Chase, deceased.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in an Address to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech.

The House adjourns till the morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock.

Tuesday, 24th June 1755.

June 24

The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Tolley, Mr. Edmondson & Mr. Edge, appeared in the House.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.