## **PROCEEDINGS**

## OF THE

## UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis U.H.J. on Tuesday the 14.th Day of September in the sixth Year of his Liber No. 35 Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1756.

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## Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governor

Benjamin Tasker Esq.<sup>r</sup> Philip Thomas Esq.<sup>r</sup> The honourable Col: Charles Hammond Richard Lee Esq.<sup>r</sup> Samuel Chamberlaine Esqr Benedict Calvert Esq.r

Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Goldsborough and Lloyd from the lower House acquaint his Excellency that there is a sufficient Number of Members met to make a House and wait his Excellency's Commands.

Col: Hammond and Samuel Chamberlaine Esquires, are sent to the lower House to acquant the Speaker that his Excellency requires his immediate Attendance with the lower House in the upper House.

The lower House attend and his Excellency is pleased to make the foll:g Speech

Gentlemen of the upper and lower Houses of Assembly.

I have been obliged to call you together before the time to which you were prorogued at the conclusion of the last Session by some Letters that I have lately received from one of his Majesty's principal Secretary's of State, and the Earl of Loudoun, by the first I am required to recommend it to you in a particular manner to make Provision out of the Fund that is already raised in this Province for repaying the Masters of such indented Servants as have been entertained [sic] or may enlist in his Majesty's Forces' the Money paid by the said Masters upon the original Contract in proportion to the time such indented Servant had, or may have to serve at the time of their engaging in his 'Majesty's Service, that these are his Majesty's Instructions and Expectations you will see by one of the Letters that will be laid before you, and as nothing but the Interest of your Constituents, seems to be consulted thereby, I doubt not but you will out of Regard to them as well as in Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, readily appropriate to this Use Part of the Sum which was lately granted for his Majesty's Service, and is yet unexpended. By the Earl of Loudon's Letter, you will find that the present Situa-