PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Convention of Assembly begun and held at the City of U.H.J. Annapolis on Monday the 13.th Day of February in the seventh Liber No. 35 Year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoque Domini 1758.

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Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor Richard Lee Esq: Benjamin Tasker Esq. Col: Charles Hammond Benedict Calvert Esq.^r The honourable { Samuel Chamberlaine Esq. Daniel Dulany Esq. Col: Benjamin Tasker

Col: Henry and M. Plater from the Lower House acquaint his Excellency that there are a sufficient Number of Members met to make a House and wait his Excellency's Commands

Col: Charles Hammond, and Samuel Chamberlaine Esq.r are sent to acquaint the Lower House that his Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper House immediately.

The Lower House attend, and his Excellency is pleased to make the follow^g Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

Having received an Answer from the Earl of Loudoun to a Letter which I sent him with the Addresses that you were pleased to present me the 15.th and 16.th of December, and with a Copy of a Bill that had been framed in the Lower House during the late Session, I thought it incumbent on me to meet you at this Time to communicate to you his Lordship's Sentiments with Regard to that Bill, and to give you an Opportunity of making proper Provision for the Support of the Troops that have been raised here for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Security of this Province. I shall give Orders for Copies of the Earl of Loudoun's Letter to be laid before you in Confidence that you will when you have considered it, think his Lordship's Requisition very reasonable, and you will not I persuade myself disappoint him in the Hopes he entertains, that your Care for the Preservation of the Lives and Properties of your Fellow Subjects, your Zeal for the common Cause and your Duty to the King will induce you to grant the Supplies which you may judge necessary by such a Bill as might be agreeable to our happy Constitution