

A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose the Lower House of Assembly being convened at the Stadt-House; L. H. J.
Liber No. 51
March 22

Ordered, That Mr. Carroll and Dr. Steuart do acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they delivered the Message.

Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; and Col. Tasker, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House of Assembly immediately in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the rest of the Members of the Lower House) went to the Council Chamber; where his Excellency made the following Speech: p. 169

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

It gives me much Pleasure to have an Opportunity of [*This speech beginning thus is printed in full in Upper House Journal, pp. 197-198; the concluding paragraph is reproduced here*]

Gentlemen of the Lower House,

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I think it my Duty to intreat you in particular, cautiously to avoid at this Time, the Rock on which you have heretofore Split: And since you will find by the Opinion of his Majesty's Attorney-General which I shall communicate to you, that the Supply-Bill, which you offered the Year before last, and again last Year, to the Gentlemen of the Upper House, is deemed such a one as they could not, consistent with their Duty, nor, without violating our Constitution, give their Assent to; permit me to hope, that you will now Frame such a Bill as may be judged unexceptionable, so that the Conclusion of this Session may efface the Remembrance of all past Failures, and demonstrate that we likewise are animated with the same laudable Spirit, which hath, since the Beginning of this War, so remarkably excited our Fellow Subjects to exert their most vigorous Efforts.

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

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech (a Copy of which he delivered to Mr. Speaker) be Read by the Clerk; which accordingly was, and Ordered to lie on the Table. p. 171

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Letters;

Whitehall, 7th January, 1760.

Sir,

His Majesty having nothing so much at Heart, as to improve [*This letter beginning thus is from William Pitt to Governor Sharpe is printed in full in Upper House Journal, pp. 199-200*].