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His Lordship further Declares to them that he had by Commission constituted Major — Charles Boteler their Clerk of the Lower house, The Members of the Lower house Depart
And this Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock
Wednesday 3 October 1683.

The house mett again and present as before —
Then was Thomas Grinnin Sworn Clerk of the Upper house of Assembly which Oath follows in these words Vizt —

You shall Swear to be true and faithfull Servant to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province as Clerk of the Upper house of Assembly; you shall keep Secret all Matters Committed or Revealed unto you or treated of and Debated in the said house you shall truly and faithfully according to the best of your Skill and knowledge make true and Just Entries and Records of all Matters and proceedings in the said house, and in all other things you shall do and Act as a true Servant to his said Lordship and his Upper house of Assembly —

So help you God —

Mr Secretary Darnall sent to the Lower house of Assembly with a Draught of an Oath for the Clerk of the Lower house of Assembly which hereafter followeth; He returns having Delivered the Same

Mr Thomas Burford Comes to this house with Major Boteler who before this house took the Oath of Clerk of the Lower house as penned by the Upper house Vizt —
You shall Swear that you will faithfully serve the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary and the Lower house of Assembly in the Office of Clerk of the said house during your Continuance in the said Office, and that you will faithfully and truly to the best of your Skill cunning and knowledge, Enter and Record the Orders Rules and proceedings of the said house, and that you will not Divulge or Discover the Debates and Secrets of the said house without the Consent thereof —

So help you God —

Mr Burford and Major Butler the aforesaid Clerk Depart and leave the said Oath to be Recorded in this house the Same afterwards sent to the Lower house by Mr Secretary Darnall who returns having Delivered the Same —

Mr Clement Hill from the Lower house and desires the Book of Laws, Mr Secretary Sewall sent to the Secretarys Office for the Same he returns and says he has Delivered the Same to the Lower house —

Mr Hatton and Captain Smith from the Lower house with this Ensuing Message Vizt —

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