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Whereupon Mr. Syke Mr. Dowsby and Mr. Colman Mr. Mathias Highman went and
sent up to the Council Chamber to acquaint his Excellency the Governor that a sufficient
number of members to make a house were convened.

They returned and say his Excellency thereupon
Mr. Holland Mr. Courtois and Mr. C. Samuel Young from the Honble Council and Mr. D. M. Esq.
Clerk of the Council enter the House, and the said Councillors and Clerk administered the
Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy and abjuration to all the said members and for them
solemnly subscribed the said Oath of abjuration and the Test and then withdrew. &
Mr. Addison from the Honble Council acquainted the members convened that his Excellency
requires their Attendance immediately in the Council Chamber.

The house accordingly went to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber
where his Excellency commanded them immediately to make choice of their speaker and present
him after which the said members returned and there unanimously made choice of Robert
Ungles a member of the said Council for speaker. who in his place disabled himself to undergo so weighty a charge and ever
desired them to proceed to a new choice which being denied and placed in the Chair
then he prayed they might give him leave to disable himself to his Excellency. after which Mr. Syke
Mr. Dowsby and Mr. Colman are sent to acquaint his Excellency that the Delegates have made choice
of their speaker and to know when his Excellency will have him presented for approbation.

Whereupon Mr. Holland from his Excellency the Governor acquainted the Delegates that his
Excellency commands them immediately to present their speaker before him in the Council Chamber
whereupon the house repaired to the Council Chamber and presented Robert Ungles Esq. for
their speaker to his Excellency the Governor. where the said Mr. Ungles humbly and unanimously
addressing himself to his Excellency offered several reasons disabling him from doing
in that station, and therefore made humble suit to his Excellency to be discharged and
his Excellency will be pleased to command the Delegates to make choice of another person
which Delegates the said Excellency would no longer admit of, being well satisfied of his skill
and knowledge of the said Robert Ungles in the Publick affairs of the Province and required
him in his large name to accept of it. &c. &c.

After which Mr. Speaker in the name of the whole house of Delegates humbly desired his
Excellency on his Majesty's behalf that the Delegates of this Assembly may have the
freedom of speech as of Right and by Custom they have used and all their ancient
and just privileges and liberties allowed to them, and that in anything he
shall deliver in the name of the Delegates if he shall commit any error or
fault may be imputed to the Delegates but that he may report to them again -
for declaration of their true intent and that his error may be pardoned. -
And lastly in offer as necessity for his Majesty's service and the Publick good of this
Province shall require it, he may by the direction of the house of Delegates have
free access to his Excellency at which his Excellency was pleased to grant and confirm
And then his Excellency was pleased to make a favourable speech
After which Mr. Speaker with the rest of the Delegates returned and the speaker
resumed his Chair.

Whereupon the house made choice of Thomas Mackinnon for their Clerk and
Ordered Mr. Benjamin Sayer and Mr. Thomas Rodger to go and present him
to his Excellency the Governor for his approbation and to say him qualified by looking the
usual Oath.

They returned and say that his Excellency approved of the Clerk's choice and that
he is duly qualified
Resolved that this House will sit to do business during this session from eight
o'clock in the morning till eleven and from one in the afternoon till four