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hainestly desired them to proceed to a new choice which being
denied and he placed in the Chair. Then he prayed they might
give him leave to disabke himself to his Excellency.

After which Col^d Philip Haskins and Capt. Cold went to
acquaint his Excellency that the Delegates have made choice of their Speaker
and to know when his Excellency will have him presented for appro-
bation they return and say they acquainted his Excellency thereto.

Whereupon It Col^d Loring and Col^d Addison from the Upper
house acquaint the Delegates that his Excellency Commands them to present
their Speaker before him in the Upper house.

Whereupon the house repaired to his Excellency as aforesaid and
presented Col^d Matthew Tighman Ward for their Speaker to his
Excellency the Gov^r. where the said Speaker decently and submissively
addressing himself to his Excellency offered several reasons disabling him
from serving in that Station, and therefore made humble suit to his
Excellency to be discharged, and that his Excellency will be pleased to Command
the Delegates to make choice of an other person which sees as his Excellency
would not ways admit off, being well satisfied of the Skill and knowledge
of the said Col^d Matthew Tighman Ward in the public affairs of this
Province and required him in his Lordship the Lord Proprietarys name to
accept of the said place.

After which Mr. Speaker in the name of the whole Lower house
desired his Excellency on his Lordship the Lord Proprietarys behalfs 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
priviledges and Liberties allowed them and that in anything he shall
deliver in the name of the Lower house if he shall comitt any Error
or fault may be imputed to the Lower house but that he may resort
to them againe for Declaration of their true intent and that his Error
may be pardoned.

And Lastly as often as necessity for the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord
Proprietarys service and the publick good shall require it he may
by the direction of the Lower house have free access to his Excellency.

All 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 the Chair.

Thereupon the house made choice of Thomas Macnemara their
Clerk and

Ordered, That Mr. James Stoddert and Capt James Grisby
goe and present him to his Excellency the Gov^r for his approbation and to see
him qualify by taking the usual Oaths. They return and say that
his Excellency approved of the Clerk Chosen and that he is duly qualified.