

Col. *Hammond*, and Col. *Tasler*, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor requires the Attendance of the Members of the Lower House in the Upper House immediately.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the Rest of the Members of the Lower House) attended his Excellency in the Upper House; where he made the following SPEECH, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN of the Upper and Lower Houses of ASSEMBLY,

**H**IS Majesty having nothing so much at Heart, as to improve the great and important Advantages gained the last Campaign, as well as to repair the Disappointment at *Ticonderoga*, and by the most vigorous and extensive Efforts, to avert, by the Blessing of God on his Arms, all Dangers which may threaten *North-America*, from any future Irruptions of the *French*, and not doubting but all his faithful and brave Subjects here, will cheerfully co-operate with, and second, to the utmost, the extraordinary Succours supplied by the Kingdom of *Great-Britain* for our Preservation and Defence: He hath been pleased to order the Right Honourable WILLIAM PITT, Esq; one of his principal Secretaries of State, to write to the Governors of these Colonies, and require them once more to convene the General Assemblies of their respective Provinces, and urge them to raise, with all possible Dispatch, as large a Body of Men as the Circumstances of each Province will allow, to act in Conjunction with such of the King's Regular Troops, as may, during the ensuing Campaign, be employed against his Enemies on this Continent: In Obedience therefore to his Majesty's Commands, so signified to me, I meet you again at this Time, and that you may the better know what is expected from us, I shall lay before you several Letters that I have lately received from the Secretary of State, and from General *Amherst*; the Contents whereof will, I hope, induce you to embrace the Opportunity which now presents itself, the last probably that you will have of making Amends, in some Sort, for your Failure last Year, by a ready and dutiful Performance of the Service, which, in Pursuance of his Majesty's Commands, is now so earnestly recommended to us.

A Copy of which the Governor delivered to Mr. Speaker.

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

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be Read, which accordingly was, and ordered to lie on the Table.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, Letters from the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary PITT, General AMHERST, and Brigadier STANWYX; which were severally Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Doctor *George Steuart*, a Delegate returned by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of *Annapolis*, to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, appeared in the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dulany* and Mr. *Worthington* do go with him to the Upper House, to see him Qualified. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, They saw him Qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

Resolved, That the Rules ordered to be observed by the several Members of this House last Session, be observed as such during this Session.

Resolved, That the Hours of Sitting this Session, for Dispatch of Public Business, be from Eight of the Clock in the Morning until Twelve, and from Two of the Clock Afternoon until Six.

Ordered, That Doctor *Steuart* do acquaint the Reverend Mr. *Clement Brooke*, That he is requested by this House to Read Divine Service daily, during this Session, at a Quarter before Eight of the Clock in the Morning, and at Six of the Clock in the Evening.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be again Read; which was accordingly; and, Ordered, That an Address be prepared to the Governor thereon; and that Mr. *Charles Goldsborough*, Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Murdock*, Mr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Dorsey*, and Mr. *Dulany*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.

#### THURSDAY, April 5, 1759.

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings were Read.

Mr. *Dent* and Mr. *Mauldin* appeared in the House.

Mr. *Murdock* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to the Governor; which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered,