

they had a Comission under the broad Seale of this Province L. H. J. Constituting Christopher Gregory to be clerke of the house of Delegates within this province which being produced and read, and the said Christopher Gregory being called they presented him to them, and moved that they might give him oath as by their Message they were comanded and for which they produced the forme of the oath drawn up.

Whereupon M^r Speaker desired them to withdraw untill he knew the Sense of the house therein the person appointed ^{p. 223} being a Stranger to some of them.

The hon^{ble} Coll^o Henry Iowles, Tho: Tench Esq. M^r W^m Bladen and Christopher Gregory withdraw.

Ordered that M^r W^m Hutchison and M^r Simon Willmore give notice to the afores^d persons to Enter againe which accordingly they did.

The Hon^{ble} Coll^o Iowles, Tho: Tench Esq. M^r W. Bladen and Christopher Gregory enter and the said Christopher Gregory is admitted clk:

Ordered that Cap^t Philip Hoskins and M^r W^m Hutchison goe together which the said Christopher Gregory to the Councill Chamber and see him the said Christopher Gregory sworne.

The s^d Cap^t Philip Hoskins, M^r W^m Hutchison and Christopher Gregorry departed and went to the Councill Chamber, where the said Christopher Gregory from the hon^{ble} Coll^o Henry Iowles chancellor tooke the oaths appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegeiance and Supremacy as also the Oath of clk: to the house of Delegates which Oath followeth in these words, viz^t

I Christopher Gregory do swear that I will well and Truly Execute the office of clk: of the house of Delegates according to the best of my power, skill and knowledge and understanding, and that I will make true and fair entries of the Severall proceedings in the house and a faire Journall thereof returne into the Secrys office according to Law.

So help me God.

Captain Philip Hoskins, M^r W^m Hutchison and M^r Ch^r Gregory returne and the said Philip and W^m Say that they have seen the s^d Ch^r take the oaths afores^d

Whereupon M^r Speaker ordered the said Ch^r Gregory to take his place accordingly.

The house adjourned till Munday Morning Eight of clock.