

wayes ready to Concurr w<sup>th</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> soe farr as the Capacity of the Province will reasonably Admitt. Wee are Sufficiently assured of yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cys</sup> good Intention & inclination to assert the Interest of this province and to doe us Iustice & are in an Especiall manner pleased to find in yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> that apertnes of Mind that Cleaness and freedome from prejudice and prepossesions of bad opinions against any Man and desire you will belive us all honest Men lett us all indefferently ptake the advantages of yo<sup>r</sup> good Govern<sup>t</sup> and applye his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Grace & favour in Common matters indifferently to us all till any Mans actions bespeakes him otherwise. Wee Cannot omitt to telling yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> that Wee take it as an infallable argum<sup>t</sup> of yo<sup>r</sup> owne sincerity & Candour that no Sinister pswasions have Disscoraged yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> from making Vse of and Treating w<sup>th</sup> the p<sup>t</sup>sent Assembly w<sup>ch</sup> at your comeing you found all ready Elected we hope you will not find your Self mistaken in yo<sup>r</sup> Measures desireing this much that as wee are men & lyable to Mistakes & Erro<sup>rs</sup> that if any thing pceeds from us w<sup>ch</sup> at first is not pleasing to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> that it may not be haestily resented till wee be better vnderstood & we assure yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> that we will Ioyne w<sup>th</sup> a Chearfulness more then has lately possessed us to dispatch the business w<sup>ch</sup> occasions our metting if yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cys</sup> Iudgm<sup>t</sup> and ours agree in measuring the Capacity of the province

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>  
Chr Gregory C<sup>l</sup>k house Dell.

Ord<sup>d</sup> that Coll Iohn Thompson & Cap<sup>t</sup> Philip Hoskins goe and Informe his Ex<sup>cys</sup> that there are some members now come w<sup>ch</sup> did not take the oaths afsd: Subscribed the Test & association yesterday & pray his Ex<sup>cys</sup> Ord<sup>r</sup> therein who returne & say they have deliverd their Message.

The Honble Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> and Coll Io<sup>n</sup> Courtes Two of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Honble Councill and M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bladen C<sup>l</sup>k of his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Councill Enter the house and informe M<sup>r</sup> Speaker that his Ex<sup>cy</sup> has been pleased to send them to administer the afs<sup>d</sup> oathes to the afs<sup>d</sup> psons.

Whereupon M<sup>r</sup> Iames Saunders Maj<sup>r</sup> Tho. Ennalls M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hicks M<sup>r</sup> Walter Campbell & M<sup>r</sup> Iacob Loockerman Tooke the oathes afs<sup>d</sup> and Subscribed the Test & the association w<sup>ch</sup> being done the Gent: of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Honble Councill and M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bladen take leave & Depart.

Ord<sup>d</sup> that Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho. Waughop Maj<sup>r</sup> Io<sup>n</sup> Lowe M<sup>r</sup> Mich<sup>a</sup> Miller Cap<sup>t</sup> Richd. Hill M<sup>r</sup> Iames Crauford Maj<sup>r</sup> Iames Smalwood M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Staley Coll: Edw<sup>d</sup> Lloyd M<sup>r</sup> Iacob Loockerman M<sup>r</sup> William Harris and Coll: Ninian Beale Carry the afs<sup>d</sup> answer to Ex<sup>cys</sup> speech to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and Councill