

Original Journal. After which came M<sup>r</sup> Speaker attended by the House of Delegates

To whom after they had taken the Oaths to her Majesty appointed by Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and Subscribed the Test his Excellency was pleased to say

Gentlemen I hope I need not make any apology for this meeting for it is necessity and not choice has constrained me by the Death of our most glorious King William whose dissolution all his Protestant Subjects have reason to lament, as that of a common Father, the Champion of our Libertys, and the ornament and Glory of our Country

As almighty God bestows his Blessings upon us so he takes them away as he thinks fit and since it is by his gracious Influence we receive all the Benefitts we Enjoy, we ought with great Reason to hope he is not altogether unmindful of us, having placed her present Majesty on the Throne to be our supreme Governor, who has all the noble virtues and great Qualifications we could wish or hope for under God to make us happy: Therefore I thought it highly Necessary and a Duty incumbent upon us at this Juncture to meet & address her Majesty giving her all the convincing Proofs of our great Satisfaction and the Hopes we have of the great Blessings we shall Enjoy under her Majesty's happy & Prosperous Reign over us

I have already acquainted you of my Inclinations (with the Blessing of God) of going home for England with this Fleet for the Recovery of my Health And as I hope I have never in the least tarnished my Reputation among you by the Violation of any man's Property or Liberty so I have never brought the Power his Majesty was pleased to cloath me with into the least Contempt by exceeding it

Gentlemen

This is like to be the last time of our Meeting therefore am very desirous to convince you how strictly I am rivitted to your Interest if you have any thing of Moment to offer for your future service

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker & the Delegates take Leave and depart to the House

His Excellency having recommended that this Assembly should address her most Sacred Majesty upon her Accession to the Throne such an address being prepared was read and approved of & ordered to be sent down to the House of Delegates with the following Message