

L. H. J. mond sent to the Council to acquaint that Board that a sufficient Number of Members are met to make a House.  
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. They return and say they delivered the Message and that the Hoñble President will send for them by some Members of that Board

The Hoñble Samuel Young Esq. and Col<sup>o</sup> Tilghman from the Council enter the House and inform M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Hoñble President commands him and the House to attend him at the Council Chamber

The House adjourns to the Council Chamber where being admitted the Hoñble President was pleased to speak to them as follows.

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and you Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.

p. 378 Nothing of Consequence happening since the last Session, have with the Advice of her Majestys Hoñble Council as well as by my own Inclination delayed convening you till this Time. I persuade myself you will approve our Conduct therein and will now heartily join with us in concerting the speediest Methods for accomplishing the Business of this Session and raising such Supplies as may be wanting to defray the publick Charge of this present year. I acquainted you last Session that I am restrained from passing any Acts in the Absence of a Governor in Chief but what are immediately necessary for the Preservation of the Peace & Welfare of the Province without her Majesty's particular Order for that Purpose. I doubt not but it is yet fresh in your Memorys for which Reason expect you will not move me to act contrary to what I am so strictly charged with, considering you will reap no other Advantage than to prolong this Session and burthen the Country with Charge.

Gentl. Sir Thomas Lawrence her Majesty's Secretary of this Province believing himself hardly used in being kept out of the Benefits accruing by Ordinary Licenses upon a further Representation of his Case has obtained her Majesty's Order requiring me at the first Assembly which shall meet after the Receipt thereof to signify to you in the most earnest Manner that notwithstanding the several Orders made in Council and Letters her Majesty has been pleased to write in his Behalf after his Case had been fully examined by the Com<sup>rs</sup> of Trade and Plantations and the Attorney General who all agreed in representing the Hardships thereof has hitherto met with no Compliance for which Reason her Majesty is pleased to signify her Will and Pleasure and to command me to acquaint you she expects you should forthwith pass a Law for regulating