

U. H. J. After which the Honble President thus bespake them. Viz.

M^r Speaker and you Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

It having been under my Consideration when to call an Assembly I have been advised by her Majesty's honble Council to convene you at this Time not doubting but you will have it in your view to dispatch the necessary Business of this Sessions in as little Time as may be & that your Inclinations are to place as little Charge upon your Electors as possible for which reason I hope you will expedite what may be recommended to y^r Considerations & also take the speediest methods to raise such Supplys as may be needful to defray the publick Charge of this present year which I can with
 p. 740 sincerity say I have Endeavoured to make as light as I could. Your Hearty Efforts that Way will not only Convince the Country how careful you are of their Interest but also afford you an opportunity of returning in a few days to your respective Habitations

Gentlem. I am not unsensible some have a notion I may assent to any Laws that may be proposed. And It is therefore I am obliged to acquaint you Her Matys royal Instructions have restrained me from passing any Acts in the Absence of a Governor in chief but what are immediately necessary for the Preservation of the Peace and Welfare of the Province without her Majesty's particular Order for that purpose. Which being premised I am perswaded you will acquiesce in her Majesty's Commands and not expect me to act contrary to what I am so strictly charged with

M^r Daniel Mariartee and M^r James Lloyd from the House of Delegates came and presented M^r Rich^d Dallam their Clerk to be sworn as such and the s^d M^r Dallam being approved of by the Honble Presid^t was accordingly sworn and took the Oaths to the Government as well as that of Clerk to the House of Delegates

The honble Presid^t was pleased to communicate her Majesty's Proclamation for the suspension of arms agreed on with the most Christian King & sent the same to the House of Delegates by Col Addison and Col Tilghman with several Gazetts & votes of the House of Commons in Great Britain and wrote to them as followeth Viz.

p. 741 M^r Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

Having the last Week received a Packett from the right honble the Earle of Dartmouth her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State with her royal Proclamation for a Suspension of Arms