

L. H. J. a Means to have the Militia in good Order; but as the Lower House would not Consent to it I could not think of making any Step without their Concurrence, for I shall ever think it a Duty Incumbent on me (in Matters that Concern the  
 p. 5 General Welfare of the People) to rely on both Houses, therefore I Recommend this to your Consideration.

The Practice of Runing Tobacco Over Patomack into Virginia (Thereby Depriving the Proprietor and the Country of their Just Dues) Deserves some Care to prevent the same for the future.

Gentlemen.

I have nothing more to lay before you but the Dispatch of the Publick Affairs, thereby putting the Country to the least expence; in which you will effectually convince those you represent That they have made a happy Choice.

Cha: Calvert

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the rest of the Members returne to their Owne House where M<sup>r</sup> Speaker resumes the Chair, and reports what his Hon<sup>r</sup> the Governour had before said.

Then the House proceed to the Choice of a Clerke.

Whereupon Michael Jenifer is unanimously chosen as Clerke.

Ordered that John Beale Esq<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Gant go to the upper House to present the said Michael for his honor the Governours approbation and to see him Qualified. They return and Say they see him Qualified, by taking the severall Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly and Subscribing the Test.

Afterwards the said Michael in the House before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Stoddert Esq<sup>r</sup> one of the Justices of the Provincial Court and a Member of this House took the foll<sup>o</sup> Oath of Clerke Viz:

You do Swear that as Clerk to the Lower House of Assembly you shall true Entries make of all such Matters and things as by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Speaker for the time being and that House shall be to you Directed, the Secrets of the s<sup>d</sup> House you shall not Divulge to the prejudice of the said House or any Member thereof but shall in all things as Clerk to the s<sup>d</sup> House well and truly Demean your Self According to the best of Yo<sup>r</sup> Knowledge. So help you God

p. 6 Thereupon the said Michael is Admitted as Clerk.  
 The House Adjourns till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.