

The Welfare and common Security of the province demand our utmost attention, and we shall, in the Course of our Deliberations, consider what may be most Conducive to the publick Good, and promote it in Every Respect accordingly; nor are we without hopes of succeeding therein, from the kind assurance you have been pleased to give us, of your Sincere Inclinations to advance the happiness and prosperity of the province, and of making it your Constant Rule never to propose any thing to us as Governor, that you shall not think for the Good of the Country as a planter.

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 46

Was brought in Ingrossed, and was Read and assented to, and Signed by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Col. King and M<sup>r</sup> Stoddert, were sent to acquaint his Excellency, this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to Receive it; they return and acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Speaker, the Governor Signified his pleasure to Receive the Address in the Conference Chamber.

It appearing to the House, that William Stoughton Esq<sup>r</sup> since his being Elected a member of Somerset County, hath accepted of the Office of Deputy Naval Officer of Pocomoke, under Samuel Chamberlaine Esq<sup>r</sup>

Resolved, That his acceptance of such Office, hath disqualified him from his present seat in this House, and that he be discharged from further Attendance; with which M<sup>r</sup> Speaker acquainted him accordingly.

Ordered, That M<sup>r</sup> Speaker Issue his warrant to the Secretary of this province, to make out a new Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of Somerset County, in the usual manner, to make Choice of a Delegate to serve in this present Assembly for the said County, in the Room of the said William Stoughton.

Col. King and Twelve more, were sent to present the Address to the Governor.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill may be brought in for Regulation of Officers fees, within this province, Leave is given; Ordered that the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the same accordingly.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill may be brought in for Trial of all matters of fact in the several Countys where they have arisen, or shall arise; Leave is given: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the same accordingly.

The House Adjourns till To Morrow Morning 9 of the Clock

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The House met according to Adjournment, M<sup>r</sup> Mackall, and M<sup>r</sup> John Goldsborough appeared in the House