

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the twenty eighth Day of March in the seventh Year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoque Domini 1758:

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Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor.

The honourable	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq. <sup>r</sup>	}	Col: Benjamin Tasker
		Colo: Charles Hammond		Benedict Calvert Esq.
		Samuel Chamberlaine Esq. <sup>r</sup>		

Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Goldsborough and Plater from the Lower House acquaint his Excellency that there is a sufficient Number of Members met to make a House and wait his Excellency's Commands.

Colo: Hammond and Samuel Chamberlaine Esq.<sup>r</sup> are sent to acquaint the Lower House that his Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper House immediately.

The Lower House attend and his Excellency is pleased to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

I meet you at this Time in Obedience to a Letter that I have received from the Right honourable William Pitt Esq.<sup>r</sup> one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State the Substance of which is, that his Majesty having Nothing more at Heart than to repair the Losses and Disappointments of the last Campaign, and by the most vigorous and extensive Efforts, to avert by the Blessing of God on his Arms, the Dangers impending on North America, and trusting that all his faithful and brave Subjects here will chearfully cooperate with, and second to the utmost the extraordinary Succours supplied by his Kingdom of Great Britain for our Preservation and Defence hath commanded circular Letters to be sent to the several Governors on the Continent requiring them to convene their respective Assemblies without Delay and to press them to raise with the utmost Dispatch as large a Body of Men as the Number and Circumstances of their Inhabitants might allow, that the same being formed into Regiments as far as shall be found convenient might be ready to march from such Place of Rendezvous as shall be appointed by the first of May, or as soon after as shall be any Way practicable

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