

L. H. J. A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose a Lower House of  
 Liber No. 52 Assembly being convened at the Stadt House Ordered That James  
 Nov. 1 Hollyday and John Hammond Esq.<sup>rs</sup> do acquaint his Excellency the  
 Governor therewith

Benedict Calvert and Daniel Dulany Esq.<sup>rs</sup> from the Upper House  
 acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker that the Governor requires the Attendance  
 of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker  
 left the Chair and (with the rest of the Members of the Lower  
 House) attended his Excellency in the Upper House, where the  
 Governor made the following Speech Viz.<sup>t</sup>

Gentlemen of both Houses of Assembly

I need not I flatter myself at this Time assure you that it is my  
 Desire on all Occasions to act agreeably to your Inclinations and  
 that it is the Heighth of my Ambition to merit Your good Opinion  
 together with the Approbation of those from whom I derive my  
 Authority. As the Intimation which you Gentlemen of the Lower  
 House were pleased to give me when you were last convened left  
 me no Room to doubt but you would be glad to meet again at this  
 Season, I resolved to gratify you, and, as I persuade myself, you  
 will endeavour to improve the good Understanding that subsisted  
 between the two Houses during the last Session, I have the highest  
 Expectations that this will be productive of much Good to the  
 Province, and make the Country ample Amends for the Expence  
 attending it

p. 431 Gentlemen, Having received from his Majesty's Ministers, Copies  
 of several Acts of Parliament, that were lately made in Great Britain,  
 for the peculiar Advantage of the Colonies, and are so many Evi-  
 dences of our most gracious Sovereign's, and the Parliaments Atten-  
 tion to the Interests and Prosperity of his Majesty's American  
 Subjects, I thought it my Duty to notify the same by Proclamation,  
 and with Pleasure embrace this Opportunity of congratulating you  
 on the happy Turn of Affairs in favour of those Colonies, and the  
 pleasing Prospect now afforded us

M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker (with the rest of the Members) returned to the  
 Lower House, and resumed the Chair

John Ridout Esq.<sup>r</sup> and Col.<sup>o</sup> Hooper, with Doctor Upton Scott,  
 Clerk of the Upper House, came into the Lower House, before  
 whom the several Delegates, took the Oath of Abjuration, prescribed  
 to be taken by a late Act of Parliament, made the last Session, and  
 subscribed the same.

The Governor's Speech was read the first Time and ordered to  
 lye on the Table

Ordered that John Hall Esq do acquaint the Reverend M.<sup>r</sup> Robert  
 Read that he is requested by this House to read Divine Service at  
 a Quarter before Nine O'Clock in the Morning and at five of the  
 Clock Afternoon, during this Session