

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
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induced to take in this Business, and the manner in which it was communicated to me, it did not Strike me as an Object of so great Importance as to require a particular Meeting of the General Assembly at a very Inconvenient Season, and therefore I reserved it for your Deliberation at this Time, to which I now recommend it, and that you will make such Provisions on the Subject as you may deem to be expedient, this Business remaining yet unsettled, Commissioners from one Neighbouring Province only having attended, at the place and time appointed.

I have the Honour of a Letter from his Excellency Lord Botetourt Governor of Virginia, written at the request of the House of Burgesses of that Dominion, which I shall also order to be laid before you—His Lordships earnest Solicitude, and my Persuasion of the Propriety and Utility of the Measure, call upon me to recommend to you in the Strongest Manner to join the Colony of Virginia in erecting & supporting a Light House on Cape Henry—

Permit me to desire also your Peculiar Attention to the State of our Criminal Law; what Defects you shall discover therein it is in your power to remedy; I have already experienced the Want of Precision on this Head to be Productive of very great Inconvenience. Gentlemen of both Houses

Be assured that the Sanction of my Authority shall be given with the utmost Alacrity and Satisfaction to all such Regulations as your Experience has found to be most conducive to the Prosperity of the Province and your Prudence and Regard for the Public Good shall adopt and propose.

Ordered that Daniel Dulany, John Ridout and John Beale Bordley Esq.^{rs} be a Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to his Excellencys Speech—

Mess.^{rs} Ward and Ware attend with M.^r Robert Hendley Courts, a Member Elected for Charles County, M.^r Joseph Gilpin for Cecil County, and Mess.^{rs} John Matthews John Paca and Aquila Hall for Baltimore County, to see them Qualified, who take the Oaths to the Government, appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly, repeat and Subscribe the Oath of Abjuration and Test, and then withdraw.

Mess.^{rs} Wright and Griffith, from the Lower House, acquaint his Excellency that their House hath made Choice of M.^r John Duckett
p. 446 for their Clerk, and hope for his Excellencys Approbation; to whom his Excellency is pleased to declare that he approves their Choice

Mess.^{rs} Worthington and Luckett attend with M.^r John Duckett to See him Qualified as Clerk to the Lower House of Assembly, who takes the several Oaths to the Government, appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly, repeats and Subscribes the Oath of Abjuration and Test and also takes the usual Oath of Office, and then withdraws—

Adjourned until To Morrow Morning 10 of the Clock,