

U. H. J. to you this Particular which is in my Instructions to witt, The raising further Supplis for the Support of the Governor for the time being and the Defraying the Necessary Charges of the Government, I conceive it will be an Advantage to the Country as well as Satisfaction to myself to know what you intend for me to Support the honour of the Post the King hath placed me in and to reduce that and also the Allowances to the Gentlemen of the Council and Assembly to a certain Fund; will be the best way that we may measure Our Expences, with what you Settle I hope you will come Short of none of Our Neighbouring Colonies in any thing of this Nature.

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Be pleased to go and Choose your Speaker and to take care that none be Admitted to Sitt amongst you but such as shall take the Oaths and be Qualified by Law I shall Detain you no longer not Doubting your readiness therein to do every thing that may Conduce to the honour of the Crown the Safety and wellfare of your Country.

They are Dismissed and go together to Choose their Speaker

Ordered that a Copy of his Excellencys Speech be Transmitted and sent to the house, which was accordingly done and sent by M^r William Taylard whom his Excell^{ty} did also recommend to them for their Clerk.

They come and present M^r Kenelm Chiseldyne for their Speaker who (after some discourse to disable himself and render him incapable to perform so great a Charge) is approved of and Allowed by his Excellency; He then in the name of the house prays freedom and Protection of the Persons and Attendants from Restraint &c. free liberty of Speech in their house with due reverence and Moderation and upon all Occasions free Access to his Excellency and for any Imperfections in himself desires that it may not be imputed to the house but favourably be Construed and Excused in him, Which being assured them the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy is tendred unto them and by them Severally taken as fol Viz^t

To M^r Kenelm Cheseldyne Speaker, Coll S^t Leiger Codd, M^r William Dare Captain John Hammond, M^r Henry Ridgley, M^r James Saunders, M^r Henry Hawkins M^r William Finney, M^r John Huet, M^r John Watson, M^r Hugh Sherwood, M^r Robert Mason Captain William Whittington M^r Francis Jenkins, M^r Dorsey M^r Edward Boothby M^r Thomas Ennalls,