

Original Journal. Ord<sup>d</sup> that the Clk of this House desire his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Honb: Covncill to Enter.

his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Honble Council and M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bladen Enter who Administre the Oathes appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacey to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the Severall Members aforerecited who haveing taken the Same Severally Subscribed the Test and allsoe the Association

His Maj<sup>ties</sup> Honble Council allsoe Administred the afsd Oathes & the Oathe of Clk of the house of Delegates To Christop<sup>r</sup> Gregory who Likewise Subscribe the test and the Association

His Maj<sup>ties</sup> Honble Covncill inform M<sup>r</sup> Speaker & the house that his Ex<sup>cy</sup> Requires their attendance on him at the Councill Chamber and Take their Leaves of the house and Depart

The House Adjournes to the Covncill Chamber

At the Covncill Chamber his Ex<sup>cy</sup>e was pleased to Make to the house the following Speech (Viz)

Gentlemen

Since his Maj<sup>tye</sup> Amongst the rest of his Many Graces to me has been pleased to Honour me w<sup>th</sup> the Command of this his Province I shall never be wanting to Make it my Vtmost Endeavours to Discharge that duty incumbent upon me w<sup>th</sup> all Zeale to his Maj<sup>tye</sup> and the wellfare and advantage of this place I have allready had the Hon<sup>r</sup> of serving his Maj<sup>tye</sup> in a Governm<sup>t</sup> in America and in Iustice to his Subjects in those partes where I have been noe people that have the happiness of his Maj<sup>tyes</sup> Governm<sup>t</sup> & Protection can be or are more ready & forward to Demonstrate their Satisfaction then the Inhabitants the<sup>r</sup> & I doe not in the Least doubt but I shall find the Same good Harmonye here I need not Enumerate the Many Blessings and Benefitts this Province has Received (which  
 p. 5 you Cannot but be very Sensible off) by his Maj<sup>ties</sup> now Immediate Eye vpon and Takeing you vnder his owne Protection for w<sup>ch</sup> wee Cann never doe Enough in Bending all our thoughts & Endeouours to Excert and giue some Signall Proofes of our Vtmost loyalty and Gratitude to soe Great & Glorious a Prince as wee have the blessing to be vnder who has not only regained the Hon<sup>r</sup> and Credit but the Liberty of England and his Shining and noble Carecter and Vnparalelld Actions doe and have displayd themselves Sufficiently

Gent: you must give me leave to remarke one particular to you w<sup>ch</sup> I am Sorry to find has been Started amongst some & is a notion that may not only be prejudiciall but very fattall