

U. H. J. Who return and say they delivered their message

Whereupon the whole House attend on his Excellency, and he Requires them to return to their own House and make choice of a Speaker.

Col^o James Maxwell and Col^o Thomas Trueman Greenfield from the Lower House Acquaint his Excellency that they have made Choice of a Speaker.

And thereupon Col^o William Holland and John Hall Esq^r are Ordered to goe down and acquaint the Lower House that his Excellency requires them to Attend in the Council Chamber to Present their Speaker for his Approbacon,

They return and say they Delivered their Message The whole House accordingly attend and present Col^o John Mackall for their Speaker of whom his Excellency not only approved but Declares himself well pleased with their Choice.

After which his Excellency is pleased to open the Session with the following Speech Viz.

p. 2 Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

The Decease of our late most Gracious Sovereigne Lord King George affords me the melancholy occasion to Condole with you the loss of the greatest and best of Kings to whose Vigilant and tender Care of his People Great Brittain owes the Preservation of its happy Constitution both in Church and State with all the other Blessings of Trade and Commerce Peace and Tranquillity both at home and abroad as much to the envy of all neighbouring Nations as to the Glory of our own; Had these Inestimable blessings been only Transitory with our late Sovereigns Life Great Britain must have remained Inconsolable; But as they are inherent, to a Succession in the Hannover Line they yet remain permanent to us, by the Immediate Accession of his Present Majesty to the Throne. A Prince whom Great Brittain hath not only Recognized as the Lawful Successor to his Royall Fathers Throne but also as the True Inheritor of those numerous Royall and Glorious Vertues wherewith his Great Father did Adorn his Crown, His Majestys most Gracious Speech to both houses of Parliament with the Dutifull Addresses of the Lords and Commons in Return, best bespeak our nations present happiness and the pleasing View of its Continuacion by A Constant future Succession in his Majesty's Royal house and family such a prospect as this must be Grateful to every one that thinks and wishes as a true Brittain should. Wherefore I doe heartily Congratulate you all as such on this Just and Important Occasion.

I have Endeavoured to Express our Joyfull and Dutiful Sence