

The low Estate of our Staple Justly Claimed your Consideration U. H. J. and Relief, and I hope the present Law for that purpose will prove Effectuall.

It is with Great Reluctance that I am Obliged to Dissent to the Laws For Ascertaining the Form of the Oath of Judge or Justice. As likewise that for Ascertaining the Fees of the Practitioners of the Law; The first because it is the Opinion of all the Lawyers here. That the Statute Law does not Extend to the Plantations unless by words of Locall Limitation; And forasmuch as the Oath declares not only those already past do but also them that shall be hereafter Enacted; As to the other it is not Agreeable to any known Law here.

Gentlemen of Both Houses. I cannot sufficiently Commend your Zeal in your Countrys Service; and the Good People of Maryland my Faithfull Tenants may Depend, Impartial Justice shall be the Measure of my Government.

M^r Dulany from the Lower House Acquaints His Excellency that the House hath Appointed M^r William Cumming to Act as the Clerk on behalfe of M^r Michael Macnemara during the absence of him the said Macnemara and hopes for His Excellency's Approbation; His Excellency is pleased to Approve of the said M^r Cumming; Who takes the Oaths to the Government Appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly and subscribed the Abjuration & Test according to the Directions of the Act afors^d and also took the usuall Oaths of Office, and then withdrew.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine a Clock.

Wednesday Morning 14th July 1731.

July 14

This House met again according to Adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

A Message from the Lower House by M^r Dashiel and M^r Thompson.

By the Lower House of Assembly. July 14th 1731.

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This House in Order to Expedite the Publick Affairs of this Province propose to sit from Eight of the Clock in the Morning untill Twelve & from two in the afternoon untill Six during this Session & desire to know if the said Proposall be Agreeable to your Honours.

Signed ʔ Order W^m Cumming Cl. Lo. Ho.

The following Answer being prepared is Sent to the Lower House by Col. Ryder.