

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May in the 37<sup>th</sup> year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq. Domini 1751.

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Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esquire Governor

The Honourable	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq <sup>r</sup>	} Daniel Dulany Esq <sup>r</sup>
		Edmund Jenings Esq <sup>r</sup>	Richard Lee Esq <sup>r</sup>
		Col Charles Hammond	Benedict Calvert Esq.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sprigg and Hooper from the Lower house acquaint his Excellency that there is a Sufficient Number of Members met to make a house and wait his Excellencys Commands.

Edmund Jenings Esq. & Col. Hammond are sent to the Lower house to acquaint the Speaker that his Excellency requires their immediate attendance in the Upper house

The Lower house attend and his Excellency is Pleased to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly

Some things happened since Our last meeting wherein I should have been glad to have had your Opinion & advice but was loth to put the Country to the Expence of an Assembly, and to give you the Trouble [of leaving] your homes at a Season of the year, which I thought might have been inconvenient for you.

Besides the Several Papers from the Governors of New York and Pensilvania relating to the Indians which I now lay before you I could not but be under a good deal of concern on account of the Shortness of Our Crop of Corn the last fall; and if We had not been favored by Providence with a mild Winter, many People especially the Poorer Sort might have wanted, not only Provisions for their Cattle but Bread for themselves; which will naturally lead you to consider whether it may not be for the Publick Service to leave a discretionary Power with the Government, or to Prohibit the Exportation of Corn whenever it shall arise to a certain Price

As the happiness of any Country must be always greatly promoted by the goodness of its highways I cannot help recommending this Matter particularly to your Consideration