

L. H. J. to know when and where he will please to receive it: They return
 Liber No. 47 and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified he would
 June 8 receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Barnes and three more do present the Address.

[Votes and Proceedings of the Lower House of the Province of Md. May Session, 1751; pages 48-49] [On motion, Ordered, That the following Address; viz. (See page 450.) Which was transmitted last Year, and delivered to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, be Printed with the Proceedings this Session.]

The following Message; viz. (See page 533)

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Sulivane and Mr. Chaplain.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Answer to the Address of this House; viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

In Pursuance of your Address, I sent for the Under Clerks, and enquired of them, why they neglected to take the Oath prescribed in the Act entituled, A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees; and was told by them, that they did not refuse it out of any Contempt or Disregard to Authority; but that they apprehended, as the Oath was penned, they could not, consistently with it, receive their Wages or Salary from their Principals.

This could never be the Intention of the Act: However, as in all Cases where an Oath is required by Law, the Terms of such Oath ought to be so explicit as to leave no Room for Scruples or Equivocation, I must recommend it to your Consideration, whether an Explanation of the abovementioned Oath may not be necessary.

As for my own Part, I assure you that I never will countenance any Officer's dispensing with any Law whatsoever; but on the contrary, discourage every Attempt of that Sort, and direct every one, I shall know guilty of it, to be prosecuted according to Law.

Sam. Ogle.

p. 181 Which was read: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare an Address to his Excellency relating thereto.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message; viz. (See page 534)

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem

The House met according to Adjournment.

The following Message; viz. (See page 534)

Was sent to the Upper House by Capt. Travers and Mr. Wilson.