

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Eighth day of May in the fourth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1754.

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Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r Governor

The Honourable	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq. ^r	}	Col Edward Lloyd
		Col Charles Hammond		Col Benjamin Tasker
		Samuel Chamberlain Esq. ^r		Benedict Calvert Esq. ^r

Mess.^{rs} Hooper and Goldsborough 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.

Colonel Hammond and Samuel Chamberlain Esq.^r 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

I am very much concerned that the great Progress, the vast preparations and the avowed designs of our common Enemy, whose Inroachments and Depredations on his Majestys Territories Occasioned our last Meeting, have necessitated the neighbouring Governments to repeat again most Earnestly their Sollicitations for us to engage and unite with them in Supporting his Majestys just Right and Pretentions to these his American Dominions at this Time attached & invaded, Some Letters and Papers that I shall submit to your perusal will Shew to what a pass matters are already come; what Armaments have been, and are now making against us what wrongs & Indignities the Enemy hath already offered; with what arrogance they presume to obstruct the Freedom of a Commerce that has been enjoyed by our Ancestors without Interruption ever since the English first made Settlements on the Continent.

The particular and express Orders which his Majesty has been pleased to give for raising Fortresses on the Ohio & the Resolutions taken in a neighbouring Colony, after the most abundant Caution,