

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the 17.<sup>th</sup> day of July in the 4.<sup>th</sup> year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoq̄ Domini 1754

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Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.<sup>r</sup> Governor

The hon. <sup>ble</sup>	{	Benj. <sup>a</sup> Tasker Esq. <sup>r</sup> Col. Cha. <sup>s</sup> Hammond Sam. <sup>l</sup> Chamberlain Esq. <sup>r</sup>	}	Philip Thomas Esq. <sup>r</sup> Benedict Calvert Esq. <sup>r</sup>
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Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Hooper and Carroll 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.

Col. Hammond and Samuel Chamberlain Esq.<sup>r</sup> are Sent to the Lower House to Acquaint the Speaker that his Excellency requires his immediate attendance with the Lower house 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.

The Cheerfullness with which you have attended every business relative to the Common Interests of these his Majestys Colonys obviates every doubt that I might entertain of any exception being taken to my calling You together So Soon, and I flatter myself that the present dangerous Situation of affairs will not only evince the Necessity of it at this time, but engage you without hesitation fully to comply with the directions contained in the Earl of Holdernesses Letter.

The Designs of the French must now be evident to every one. They have openly in Violation of all Treatys invaded his Majestys Territorys and committed the Most Violent Acts of Hostility by Attacking and Intirely defeating the Virginian Troops Under Colonel Washington

In this Emergency the hopes and Expectations of Our Neighbours Whom in duty honour and Interest We are engaged to Support and Defend, are fixed upon us for assistance and what Must the world think of our Conduct, or what Calamity may We not expect, if from an unseasonable Parsimony We coldly look on while they are cut to