

A sufficient Number of the Members of the Lower House being convened at the Stadt-House, Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> Edward Tilghman and Capt. Jordan, do acquaint his Excellency therewith.

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They return and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker that they delivered the Message.

George Plater, and Richard Lee, Esq.<sup>rs</sup> from the Upper House, acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker left the Chair, and with the rest of the Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House where his Excellency made a Speech to both Houses of Assembly.

M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker (with the Members of the Lower House) Returned and reassumed the Chair.

On Reading here the Governor's Speech a Copy of which was Delivered by him to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker, Contained in the following Words, viz. <sup>t</sup>

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

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As you have already Expressed yourselves Sufficiently Sensible of the fatal Consequences that must attend the Enemys remaining Masters of that Part of his Majestys Dominions to the Westward on which they have lately presumed to raise Forts and make Settlements and have promised that Nothing shall be wanting on your Part to avert the Imminent Danger with which their Vicinity threatens us, it only remains with me now to hope that you will fall on the most prudent and unexceptionable Measures to Raise as large a Sum as the Circumstances of this Province will allow ; and generously and gratefully express your Duty to the best of Kings, and your Care and Regard for the Lives and Fortunes of Yourselves and Fellow-Subjects: the Advice and Instructions I have received from Home, since our last Meeting, might give me Occasion to Enlarge on the Tender and Paternal Care that his Majesty has been most graciously pleased to shew, for the Security and Welfare of his Subjects in these Parts of his Dominions but as I am persuaded that I need not attempt to add to the Weight of a Letter, that I have received from One of his Majestys principal Secretarys of State which sets in the strongest Light that and the several other Motives, which should prompt us to exert ourselves on this Occasion I will satisfy myself with laying it before you ; and with Exhorting you to consider how far the Season is already advanced and to finish the Business for which you are assembled, with the greatest Dispatch.

Gentlemen I take this Occasion of recommending to you, to regulate the Hire of Waggon and Horses in Case the Service should require us at any time to impress either in this Government which I do not doubt but you will think highly proper and Reasonable