

For Somerset County,
Mr. Samuel Wilson.

For Worcester County,
Col. John Henry.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 49
Feb. 13

For Talbot County,
Mr. John Goldsborough,
Mr. Matthew Tilghman.

For Frederick County,
Mr. Edward Dorsey.

A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose a Lower House of Assembly, being convened at the Stadt-House; Ordered, That Col. John Henry and Mr. Plater do acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that they delivered the Message.

Col. Hammond, and Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor requires the Attendance of the Members of the Lower House of Assembly immediately in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the other Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House; where the Governor made a Speech; a Copy of which he delivered to Mr. Speaker in Writing, and also a Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Loudoun, which was directed to the Governor.

Mr. Speaker (with the other Members) Returned to the Lower House, and Re-assumed the Chair.

Ordered, That his Excellency the Governor's Speech be read by the Clerk; which was accordingly contained in the following Words, viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

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Ordered, That the Governor's Speech do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Earl of Loudoun's Letter be read by the Clerk; which was accordingly contained in the following Words, viz.

New-York, December 30th 1757.

Sir,

I had this Day the Favour of your Letter by Express, with the Bill prepared by the Lower House, and the Address, from both Houses to you.

As I had seen an Extract of the military Part of that Bill before, I am ready to give my Sentiments on it; and am clearly of Opinion, that had it passed into a Law of the Province, it would have been a direct Infringement of the King's undoubted Prerogative, and as such was very wisely rejected by the Upper House; at the same Time I am willing to believe, that the Assembly had not considered