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A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose a Lower House of Assembly being convened at the Stadt-House; Mr. Edward Tilghman and Dr. George Steuart attended on his Excellency the Governor to acquaint him therewith.

Stephen Bordley, and John Ridout, Esquires, from the Upper House, and John Ross, Clerk of the Council, came into the Stadt-House, in whose Presence the aforesaid Delegates took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test.

Col. Lloyd, and Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of this House, That the Governor requires their Attendance in the Upper House.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House, and his Excellency made the following Speech:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

Not doubting but you are affected with extreme Sorrow and Concern [*The speech which begins thus, is printed in full in the Upper House Journal, pp. 399-400*]

[p. 339] Mr. Speaker (with the Rest of the Members) returned to the Lower House, and re-assumed the Chair.

The House proceeds to choose a Clerk, and made Choice of Mr. John Allen Thomas.

Ordered, That Mr. John Goldsborough and Mr. Matthew Tilghman do acquaint his Excellency with the Choice which this House hath made of a Clerk, and to desire his Approbation. They returned, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they delivered the Message.

Ordered, That Mr. Murdock and Mr. Hanson do go with Mr. Thomas to the Upper House, to see him Qualified. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they saw him take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, sign the Oath of Abjuration, and repeat and sign the Test, and take the Oath of Office.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech (a Copy of which the Governor delivered Mr. Speaker) be Read; which was accordingly; and Ordered to lie on the Table.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Letters.

Whitehall Decem^{br} 17th 1760

Sir

His Majesty having nothing so much at Heart as by [*The letter from William Pitt, Secretary of State, which begins thus is printed in full in the Upper House Journal, pp. 400-402*]