

A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose the Lower house of Assembly being Convened at the Stadt house.

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 52  
Oct. 4

Ordered that Doctor George Steuart and M.<sup>r</sup> Robert Lloyd do acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith.

Stephen Bordley and John Ridout Esq.<sup>r</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 attended with the Members of the Lower house went to the Upper house where his Excellency made the following Speech (Viz<sup>t</sup>)

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.

The unexampled Successes with which his Majesty's Vigorous Measures—were Blessed during the Course of the late War, having, Since I had last an opportunity of addressing myself to you in your Legislative Capacity, enabled him to restore Peace to his People, on Terms of Glory and great advantage; terms particularly calculated for the future Security and prosperity of these Colonies, I cannot open this Session without Congratulating you on that happy Event, as well as on the Auspicious Birth of a Prince of Wales under whom your Posterity may enjoy the innumerable Blessings, We in Common with the rest of his Majestys Subjects, at this Period derive from the Propitious Reign of the Best of Sovereigns

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I have been induced Gentlemen, to Convene you at this time, by an Opinion that you would be glad to have, an opportunity, before the Expiration of our Inspection Law, of considering what farther Amendments to that Act it might be expedient to make for the better advancement of our Staple, and by what other means, consistent with the Laws of Great Britain, the whole trade of this Province might be Encouraged & promoted, you will also, I presume, think it your duty to examine at this time into the State of our Public Funds; and, if necessary, to provide for any Deficiencies which may have arisen from the long Continuance of the War, or other Accidents; and if you should now have leisure to Consider the Claims which those of the Militia, whom the necessity of the times Obliged me to order into actual Service, and many other persons have on the Public. I am in hopes you will both adjust such accounts, and make the necessary Provision for payment.

Interested, Gentlemen, as you are in the prosperity and Welfare of this Province, you come together. I flatter myself at this time with a proper disposition and temper to advance it, and with a Resolution to avoid every measure that can tend to interrupt the harmony which ought to Subsist between those whose true Interests are the same, and which alone can under your meetings of any real benefit or Utility to your Country.