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Mr. Speaker (with the Rest of the Members) returned to the Lower House, and resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Edward Tilghman and Mr. John Goldsborough do acquaint his Excellency with the Choice which this House hath made of a Clerk, and to desire his Approbation.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they delivered the Message.

p. 4 Ordered, That Mr. Gantt and Dr. Steuart do go with Mr. Thomas to the Upper House, to see him Qualified as Clerk of this House.

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, repeat and sign the Test, and take the following Oath of Office :

You John Allen Thomas do swear, that, as Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly, you shall true Entries make of all such Matters and Things, as by the Honourable Speaker for the Time being, and that House, shall be to you directed : The Secrets of the said House you shall not divulge, to the Prejudice of the House, or any Member thereof ; but shall in all Things, as Clerk to the said House, well and truly demean yourself, according to the best of your Knowledge : So help you God.

The House adjourns till 3 of the Clock.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment.

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

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker the following letters :

[These letters from the Earl of Egremont, one of his Majesty's Secretaries of State, and from his Excellency Sir Jeffrey Amherst are printed in full in the Upper House journal pp. 5-9]
which were here Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

p. 7 The House appointed Capt. Robert Saunders, Serjeant at Arms, and Andrew Buchanan, Door-keeper, to the Lower House of Assembly.

The House appointed Richard Tilghman, junior, and Richard Tilghman, Third, Clerks to attend the several Committees that may be appointed this Session.

Ordered, That Dr. Steuart do administer to them the several Oaths of Government, and the Oath of their respective Offices.

Dr. Steuart acquaints Mr. Speaker, That Capt. Robert Saunders, Andrew Buchanan, Richard Tilghman, junior, and Richard Tilghman, Third, had taken the several Oaths to the Government required