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Liber 54  
Mar. 23

For Frederick County

M.<sup>r</sup> Henry Griffith  
M.<sup>r</sup> Jacob Funk.

For Caroline County

M.<sup>r</sup> Thomas White.

A sufficient Number of Members to compose a House being convened at the House prepared by M.<sup>r</sup> Joshua Frazier for the Use of the Publick, Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> Worthington and M.<sup>r</sup> Chamberlaine do acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith. They return and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker they delivered the Message.

Benedict Calvert and George Steuart, Esquires, from the Upper House, acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Members of the Lower House immediately in the Council Chamber. M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker left the Chair, and, attended by the Members of the Lower House, went to the Council Chamber, where his Excellency made the following Speech:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

I Have Nothing at this Time particularly to propose to your Consideration, which would not be a Repetition of what I recommended at the Opening of last Session. But, having obtained Permission to return to England, for a short Time on Account of some Affairs, which require my personal Attendance there, I presumed it would be agreeable to you to convene before my Departure, and therefore now meet you, and shall, with the greatest Pleasure, be ready to cooperate with you, in establishing such Regulations, as may be conducive to the Welfare of this Province.

M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker, attended by the Members of the Lower House, returned and resumed the Chair.

p. 341 Ordered, That the Governor's Speech, a Copy of which having been delivered to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker be read; and it was read accordingly.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

Mar. 24

Thursday, March 24, 1774.

The House met.

All Members present as on Yesterday.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

M.<sup>r</sup> Ringgold, M.<sup>r</sup> Weems, and M.<sup>r</sup> Deye appeared in the House.

Resolved, That the Hours for sitting for Dispatch of the Publick Business during this Session be from Nine O'Clock in the Morning until one in the Afternoon, and from three till five.

Ordered, That a Message be prepared to the Upper House acquainting them therewith.

Resolved, That the Rules of last Session be observed this Session.

Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> Bond, M.<sup>r</sup> Parran, M.<sup>r</sup> Hawkins, M.<sup>r</sup> Gilpin,