

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at Baltimore Town in
Baltimore County on Friday the 8.th Day of April in the 6.th Year of
his Lordship's Dominion Annoque Domini 1757.

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Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r Governour.

the honble	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq. ^r	}	Col: Benjamin Tasker
		Col. Charles Hammond		Richard Lee Esq. ^r
		Col: Edward Lloyd		Benedict Calvert Esq. ^r

Messieurs Tilghman and Henry acquaint his Excellency that there are a sufficient Number of Members met to make a House, and wait his Excellency's Commands.

Col: Hammond and Col: Lloyd are sent to the Lower House to acquaint the Speaker, that his Excellency requires his immediate Attendance.

The Lower House attend and his Excellency is pleased to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.

You will learn from some Minutes which the Earl of Loudoun has given me to lay before you that a plan has been formed for the better Defence of his Majesty's Dominions in North America, and for annoying his Majesty's Enemies in these parts, you will also see what Share his Lordship expects you will take in carrying the plan into Execution, and as the Supplies that I am to ask of you are small in Comparison to what some of his Majesty's Colonies generously offered to grant on this Occasion, and your Troops to be employed for the more immediate protection of this Province, I need not I hope use any other Argum.^{ts} to press you to comply with his Lordship's Requisitions, and as I doubt not but we all meet sincerely disposed to manifest our Zeal for, and to promote the Service of our most gracious Sovereign, I flatter myself we shall proceed with Unanimity, and give such Dispatch to the Business, on which we are assembled, as the present Posture of Affairs and the advanced Season require.

Minutes taken at a Meeting of the Governours of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Pensilvania, with the Earl of Loudoun Commander in chief of his Majesty's Forces in North America, began at Philadelphia, the 15: of March, and continued by several Adjournments to March 1757: