

give (Considering the Charge of Government) the tenth part Lib. W. H. of what they cost, wherefore as my Lord of his part never did (as he never will) Burthen the People whereby to be Reimbursed the said Charge so will it be an Act of the highest Ingratitude in the People if of their part they do not justly and freely pay what is or of right ought to be my Lord's dues. But as your Care (Gentlemen) to Rectifie abuses (if any be) of this nature is no ways Doubted so I shall and do desist the further pressing of this Point to the Intent I may the sooner Come to the fourth and last Part of Our Duty which is—

That you take all Due Care of Yourselves.

That is to say of the People whose Representatives you are and this you cannot better do then by providing such good and wholesome Laws as shall in the first place Suppress all Publick Sin and Scandall as said in the first part of Duty towards God least for the Publick Sins of the People God should Inflict the whole province with Plagues and Judgments from Heaven, and next unto this your care will be to Study the Generall Good of the People as well by Deviseing as readily Complying with all such Acts as by the Blessing of God shall happen to be proposed in this Assembly which shall any ways tend to the security of right and reall Good of the People in General and herein all private and Self Interest is to be abhorred, so nationally concerned for the publick ought you and every of you to be unto all which I shall freely Contribute with all the faculties of a truely Willing heart & Mind; So God of his Mercy guide direct bless and prosper all your Good & faithfull undertakings Amen.

Gentlemen I have one thing more to offer which is: First by way of Advice, that before you Begin to make Laws you do not begin to breake Laws and—

Secondly by way of Demand, That you and every of you (as I for Example will) take the Oath of Fidelity to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary as the Law Directs which if any refuse to do the Government will according to that Law proceed, for if you Obey not the Laws that are made, who, think you, will obey the Laws that are to make? So God of his Mercy Direct you as before is prayed.

Which Speech being Ended the Lower house departed to their own house.

Then was the Oath of Fidelity Administred by the Honourable Coll Henry Darnall to the Honourable William Joseph Esq^r who having taken it Administred the Same Oath to the said Coll Darnall and Clement Hill Esq^r with this Addition or Salvo; of saving their Allegiance to the King.

Doctor John Brooke and M^r Stephen Luffe from the Lower house with this Message Viz^t