

the whole House To-morrow at Eleven o'Clock on the Petitions against undue Elections.

The House then adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

### Thursday December 8th, 1785.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Belcher Member for Cornwallis took the Oaths and his Seat.

Mr. Benjamin Belcher, returned as Member for the Town of Cornwallis, being introduced by Mr. Pyke, Member for the County of Halifax, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

Mr. Marchinton's Petition withdrawn

The Solicitor General moved for leave to withdraw the Petition of Philip Marchinton,  
Ordered Accordingly,

House resolve itself into a Committee on contested Elections.

The House then according to Order of the Day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, and Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Report of that Committee

When Alexander Howe, Esqr; was called on, and examined before the Committee, as also Major Barkley, Member for the County of Annapolis, and Mr. John Perrott, who were produced as Witnesses for the Petitioner.

Mr. Day then Moved the following Resolution, that the Return of the Sheriff for the County of Annapolis, so far as it relates to the Election of Mr. David Seabury for that County be null and void, which being seconded.

The Attorney General moved, that the Committee adjourn, which motion being seconded, was put, and the Committee divided thereon, when there appeared for the Adjournment seven Ayes, against it Sixteen Noes; Tellers for the Ayes, Attorney General, Tellers for the Noes, Solicitor General.

The main Question was then put, and passed without a Division.

The Speaker having resumed the Chair.

Agreed to by the House.

Mr. Pyke, Chairman of the Committee, reported, the above Proceedings of the Committee, which were agreed to by the House.

The House then adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

### Friday, 9th, December, 1785.

Motion of Mr. Day on a new Writ for Annapolis County.

On Motion of Mr. Day, resolved, that the Speaker be directed to request his Excellency the Governor would be pleased to order a new Writ for the Election of a Member for the County of Annapolis.

House resolve itself into a Committee on contested Elections.

On Motion of the Solicitor General, Ordered, That this House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on Petitions against undue Elections.

Mr. Pyke then took the Chair.

When Mr. Brightman was called on and examined before the Committee, also Mr. Day Member for the Town of New-port, who was sworn