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no Occasion for the odious Distinction that has been made between the Inhabitants of Maryland and those of the neighbouring Colonies; and that his Majesty's Generals, when they shall have an Opportunity and Curiosity to peruse and consider them, will be induced to entertain a favourable Opinion of the Inhabitants of this Province.

As the inclinations of the People in general, are best known by the Conduct and Behaviour of their Representatives in Assembly, we must express our grateful Acknowledgments to your Excellency for the Assurance you have been pleased to give General Forbes of their good Inclinations to promote his Majesty's Service in the Expedition he was about to undertake; and tho' unhappily the Houses of Assembly have heretofore differed in Opinion on the Mode of raising the necessary Supplies, we rejoice to find your Excellency now expressing Hopes, that the like Difference may not happen at this or any future Session.

We shall immediately take under our Consideration, the Matters recommended to us by your Excellency's Speech, and the General's Letter; and shall give his Majesty's Service in general, and the Defence and Protection of this Province in particular, the first Place in our Determinations; and we cannot but entertain the warmest Hopes, that our Resolutions thereupon will demonstrate, that notwithstanding any ill Opinion, Strangers to the real Principles of the People of this Province may have entertained, his Majesty has not in any of his Dominions, Subjects more loyal or more dutiful than are much the greatest Part of the People of Maryland; whose constant Wishes and Endeavours to promote his Majesty's Service, have, on every Occasion, been manifested by the Public Actions, as well as Professions of those, to whom their Lives, Liberties and Properties, have been repeatedly entrusted.

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, per Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. Carroll and Mr. Beall do acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor signified he would receive the Address at Four of the Clock Afternoon, in the Conference Chamber.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment.

Ordered, That Col. Tilghman, with Five more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

The House Adjourns till the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.