

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor & Commander
in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland
The humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly
May it please your Excellency

U. H. J.
Liber No. 35
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In Compliance with Your Excellencys Proposition a Committee composed of Some Members of Both Houses hath been appointed in Order to frame an Address of Condolence and Congratulation to the Kings Most Excellent Majesty

The Report which attends this Address of our Members who were upon the Committee, will Sufficiently inform you what passed upon it

We have concurred with this Report and determined not to agree to the addition proposed by Order of the Lower House, not only because the Matters contained therein appear to Us, to be extremely improper and foreign to the subject of the Address, but because they were apparently intended to cast an injurious Blemish upon his Lordships Government, and Shift from the real Authors of it, the Disgrace which has been brought upon this Province by the Singular Disregard Shewn to the Requisitions of Aid frequently urged in the most pathetick manner by the Kings Ministers, and the Strongest terms recommended by your Excellency

We shall not in Order to evince where the Reproach of Misbehaviour ought to be fixed trouble your Excellency with a Detail of what has passed between the two houses on the Subject of the Assessment Bill so often presented to and rejected by us refer you to the Opinion of his Majestys Attorney General given on a Consideration of the Messages between the two Houses, not recapitulate the very extraordinary Measures pursued by the Lower House to weaken the hands of this Government by the Publication of Resolves evidently calculated to controul the executive Power, and incite the People to a Disobedience of the Laws when the safety and defence of the Country might render it necessary to call out the Militia into Service your Excellency being already Sufficiently apprized of these particulars

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When We were upon the subject of an Address naturally suggesting such Professions of Duty as do not well consist with their former Conduct It would Seem that the Lower House thought some Apology necessary to account for the apparent and Striking Contrariety between Professions and Actions, and that as there has been a Criminal Failure in Point of Duty some where They were desirous to derive it from any other than Its genuine source This Circumstance makes Us apprehend that the Issue of this session will not rage [rase?] out or soften the Impression given by former Proceedings

Bills for the support of an Agent in England have been often Sent to us for our Concurrence, And We have as often refused it,