

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

Having this Afternoon recēd certain Information that bet three & four Hundred Men many of them Armed with Guns & Tomahawks were assembled on Fryday last at Frederick T.ⁿ Fredk Co.^{ty} and ab.^t to chuse Officers intend^g to march hither in Companies in Order (as they express themselves) to settle the Disputes betwixt the two Houses of Assembly in Relation to their passing the Journal and that such their Proceedings were supposed to be owing to Col.^o Cresap's declaring as he lately returned Home thro' the County that nothing would be done unless the People did come down and having been informed that some of the Justices of this County who reside near Elkridge have been comāded and compelled by a great Number of People that live in that Neighbourhood to come this Day to Annapolis in Order to learn from the Members for this County what State or Situation the Journal is in and to send an Express imēdiately to acquaint the People therewith that acco' to the Contents or Tenor of such Express a N.^o of the people will or will not be within Sight of this Place to Morrow or next Day I think it my Duty to comūnicate to you the Information I have recēd and recomēd it to you to consider seriously the Consequence of large Bodies of People being prompted to come hither on such Account or assemble with a View to intimidate either Branch of the Legislature or to lay them under any Restraint

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which being read the 1.st & 2.^d Time

Ord.^d That Tho.^s Johnson Tho.^s Ringgold & J. Hollyday Esq.^{rs} M.^r Worthington & W.^m Murdock Esq^r be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Address to his Excellency the Gov.^r in Ans.^r to his Message

The House adjourns 'till the Morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock

Wednesday 11:th Dec^r 1765

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The House met

All appeared as Yesterday except M.^r Edmunson and M.^r Gibson

Thomas Johnson Esq.^r brings in the foll^g Address to the Governor
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To His Excellency Horō Sharpe Esq.^r Gov.^r and Commander in
Chief in and over the pvince of Maryland

The Humble Address of the House of Delegates

May it please your Excellency

In Ans.^r to your Message of last Night we assure your Excellency we are very sensible of the bad Consequences of large Bodies of