

L. H. J. On Motion Ordered that M:^r Speaker do Issue his Warrant to
 Liber No. 52 the Deputy Secretary of this Province to make out a Writ of
 May 9 Election directed to the Sherriff of S:^t Marys County to Elect a
 Delegate to Serve in the General Assembly of this Province in the
 room of Edmund Key Esq:^r deceased

The House Adjourns till 2 of the Clock

Post Meridiem

The House met. According to Adjournment

A Petition of several Poor Prisoners in Ann Arundel Goal complaining of the High Sheriffs usage to them was Preferred to this House. Read the first time and Ordered to lye on the Table

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

May 10

Saturday 10:th May 1766

The House met.

Ordered that William Murdock Esq:^r Col.^o Tilghman M:^r E: Gantt M:^r Jacob and J. Hammond Esq:^r be a Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice

M:^r E. Gantt and J. Hammond Esq:^r have leave of Absence

J. Hall Esq:^r brings in and delivers to M:^r Speaker an Address to His Excellency which was Read Approved and Ordered to be Ingressed

J. Hall Esq:^r brings in and delivers to M:^r Speaker the following Ingressed Address Viz.^t

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq:^r Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

p. 361 The Humble Address of the House of Delegates

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys most dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Delegates of the Freeman of the Province of Maryland in General Assembly convened beg leave to return You our thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session

No Reason Occurs to us Why any Gentlemen cannot Attend here on the Publick business about the last of September or first of October which We think the Season least inconvenient of any, However We doubt not your Excellencys good intention in calling Us together at this time and shall chearfully Proceed to frame such Laws as the Present circumstances of the Country more immediately require and we hope our Proceedings during the course of the Session will Justify your Excellencys favourable Opinion that We come together with Minds Sincerely disposed to Promote the Tranquility and Welfare of the Province