

they will meet with no Impediment by any ill-timed Frugality, oranneretary Delay. And as we are sensible that we have no Time to lose, we are determined to give the Business all the Dispatch our Power will admit of.

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following
ANSWER.

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly.
I thank you for your Address: I am fully persuaded nothing will be wanting on your Parts, that may contribute to the Success of an Enterprize which for the Glory of our Sovereign, and the Safety and Interest of the American Colonies, are so greatly concerned.

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To his Excellency THOMAS BLADEN, Esq. Governor of Maryland;

The humble ADDRESS of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,
WE his Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of Maryland, in Assembly convened, assure your Excellency, that we shall make use of this, and every other Meeting, with the greatest Cheerfulness, and as much as in us lies, for his Majesty's Honour and Service, and the Welfare of our Constituents: And that upon the present Occasion (so far as is required of us by our gracious Sovereign) we will more particularly exert our best Endeavours to do every reasonable thing in our Power, consistent with the Condition of the People we represent, to promote the raising of Forces, and providing for them, in the intended Expedition against Canada.

THIS House having upon every Occasion given the strongest Testimony of Duty and Loyalty, we hope it will not be doubted, but that a Success to this Enterprize is as ardently wished for by us, as by any of his Majesty's Subjects; as our loyal Breasts are filled with an equal hearty and warm Zeal for the Honour and Glory of the Crown of Great-Britain, and every Advantage that may arise to our Mother-Country, as well as for our own immediate Safety.

THE Letters from the Governors of New-York and New-England, which your Excellency has been pleased to lay before us, shall have a due Consideration; and we hope that our Resolutions thereon, as well as in other Matters relating to the Trust reposed in us, will, to every judicious, impartial, and honest Man, manifest our Zeal, Loyalty, and Prudence.

As we are very sensible that his Majesty's Service, on the present Occasion, requires the utmost Dispatch; we are therefore determined to give it such as its Nature will admit of: In order to which, your Excellency's laying before this House the Letter from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, or other his Majesty's Commands, which relate to the Part we are to act, will greatly contribute.

Signed by Order of the House,
June 18, 1746. EDWARD SPENCE, Speaker.

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following
ANSWER.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly.
Your Address gives me much Satisfaction; I can make no Doubt but you will act, upon the present important Occasion, as becomes good and loyal Subjects. And I hope, from the Honours of the House, your Resolutions will always

HABUW, April 12.

WE have advice from Port l'Orient, dated the 26th of the last month N. S. that upon the 24th, at 11 o'clock in the morning, a dreadful fire broke out in three different parts in the office of Stores there, which communicated itself to the great magazine belonging to the French East-India company; and notwithstanding all possible methods were made use of to extinguish it, intirely consumed the same; That some quantities of combustible matters; such as pitch and tar, brimstone, candles, rosin, aqua vitæ, &c. had been taken out of it in time; but that out of 50,000 fire-arms, only between 4 and 500 had been saved: That in the said magazine there were above 30,000 new regimentals for Soldiers, with proportionable quantities of all sorts of ammunition; great quantities of woollen cloth, for the use of the private men and officers; about 150,000 pair of shoes; great quantities of teas, coffee, spices, druggs, &c. of the whole of which not one tenth part had escaped the flames; so that the damage amounted to above 4 millions of livres: That the squadrons of St. Malo, Morlaix, Rochfort, Rochelle, and Port Louis, had been expected at Port l'Orient for some days before the fire happened, in order to take in what they wanted, this being the general magazine; and that the office-keepers had been taken into custody, and a very strict enquiry set on foot, in order to find out how the fire began.

Dublin, March 29. Last Thursday were shipped on board the Charming Peggy, capt. Gregory commander, 220 barrels of gunpowder, with ball, and other warlike stores proportionable, for Fort William in Scotland, under the care of Mr. Hugh M'Farran, gunner.

Last Wednesday 1000 sacks of sand, and a company of Sir John Bruce Hope's regiment of foot, were embarked for Fort William; artillery, ammunition, &c. are ordered from hence to the said garrison.

A great number of cover'd waggons, chaise-martins, bomb-carts, and other carriages, are getting ready for the two camps that are to be formed. It is said, the foot will be encamp'd at Bennet's bridge near Balkenny, and the horse at Athlone.

NEW YORK, June 16.

Extract of a Letter from Newfoundland, dated May 15.
We are informed, that the French in Canada, have kept by them all the Beaver and Furs of last Year's Trade, for fear it should fall into the Hands of the English Men of War, who, they knew, have kept a good look out for them, as they do at present; and when the Trade of this Year shall be added thereto, which will be in July or August next, that Article will amount, upon a moderate Computation, to 470,000 l. Sterling, which, with their other Riches, Church Plate, &c. will be worth a very great Sum. We are informed, that in order to divide their Interests, the Monseurs have thought fit to store Half of their Furs, &c. at Quebec, the Metropolis of Canada; and the other half at Montreal, situated about 60 Leagues higher up the River St. Lawrence, than Quebec: If it should please his Majesty, to order an Expedition against Canada this Summer, the Officers and private Men will have fine plundering, in Case they succeed, of which I make no Doubt, if it is but attempted.

BOSTON, June 9.

A Sloop is just now arrived here in 8 Days from Louisbourg, by which we learn, that Commodore Knowles was arrived there from England, with 2 Men of War, and all the Store Ships except one; and that the Commodore's Commission appointing him Governor of Louisbourg, had been