

had resolved to bring him to a Trial for that piece of Conduct; but as Death prevented him, so on the other Hand he said the Commodore has now the chief Command there, and that he either has or speedily will shew his Resentment to the Captain of the *Leox*, for daring to engage the French Fleet contrary to his Will, and afterwards accusing him to the Admiral; and 'tis generally believed, unless he is very speedily superseded in his Command, that others will soon feel the Effect of his Resentment also. *Oh! my Country! how is thy Glory fallen?*

ANNAPOLIS.

The General Assembly of this Province, which was to have met here last Tuesday, did not meet 'til Thursday, by reason of the Weather, which prevented many of the Members from coming to Town. His Excellency opened the Session with the following speech:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, HAVING received a Letter from the Governor of *New York*, making application for Provisions for the Forces sent from this Province; I found my self indispensably oblig'd to call you together, tho' at this advanced Season, to lay that Letter before you, and to inform you of the unhappy Situation our Troops are in, from being destitute of such a Supply of Provisions as is absolutely necessary for their Support: A want that cannot but be attended with the greatest Inconveniences, and which, if not immediately provided for, will be Productive of all the bad Events arising from Mutiny and Desertion.

As the Article of Provisions is what is mentioned in the Duke of *Newcastle's* Letter as particularly recommended by his Majesty to the Assembly of this Province; it is my Duty to lay this matter before you, not doubting but you will give it the most serious Consideration, and resolve upon such a speedy and sufficient supply, as you will judge Necessary for the support of our Levies, that they may be freed from the Apprehensions of having the Calamity of Hunger added to the distress of a cold and rigorous Climate.

This affair Gentlemen is the only Motive of our present Meeting, I hope therefore that you will enter upon the Consideration of it without loss of time, that you may the sooner return to your Families, and be the less expost to the Inconveniences of the Season.

To his Excellency THOMAS BLADEN, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland; The Humble ADDRESS of the Upper House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

WE return your Excellency Thanks for communicating the Governor of *New York's* Letter to us, and acquainting us with the unhappy Situation our Troops are in for Want of a proper Supply of Provisions, which if not speedily provided for, must certainly expose Men, who are ready to hazard their Lives in the Service of their King and Country, to the greatest Distress, and be attended with the Inconveniences you have mentioned.

And as his Majesty's Royal Pleasure hath been signified by his Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, in Relation to the Article of Provisions, we assure your Excellency that nothing in our Power shall be wanting, to comply in the most effectual and speedy Manner, with what our most gracious Sovereign has been pleas'd to recommend to the Assembly of this Province.

B. TASKER, President.

The Governor's ANSWER.

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly,

I Thank you for your Address, and make no Doubt of your Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and Attachment to the

To His Excellency THOMAS BLADEN, Esq; Governor of Maryland; The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

WE shall never think any trouble to our selves too great, so that it may contribute towards his Majesty's service, and altho' the meeting of an Assembly at this Season of the Year is very inconvenient, yet we shall cheerfully consider the Matter recommended in your Excellency's Speech at the opening this Session.

AT our last sitting, this House exerted it self rather beyond the Circumstances of the People by the ample Provision then made for three hundred Men, who, with their Officers we are highly pleas'd to hear are safely arriv'd at the place of Rendezvous in the Province of *New York*.

WE did not doubt but that his Majesty's pay to the Soldiers and Officers (after being maintained here and at the Expence of this Province sent to *Albany*) might well Support them in Provisions there: However, that we may not be wanting in our Duty to the utmost of our Ability, we shall further Consider his Grace the Duke of *Newcastle's* Letter, and Comply with his Majesty's Expectations so far as we conceive them expried therein.

Signed by Order of the House,

EDWARD SPRIGG, Speaker.

The Governor's ANSWER.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

WHAT you say in your Address justly claims my Approbation, and you accordingly have it very sincerely.

T. BLADEN.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in *Marblehead* to one in *this Place*, dated October 27, 1740.

"You will hear ere this reaches you, that the *Brest* Fleet, which has been so long arming, have at last escap'd the sagacious Admiral *Martin*, and took their route to *Jebukta*, a Harbour lying 40 Leagues, E. N. E. from *Cape Sables*, one of the finest in the World. The long Passage of more than 100 Days from *Brest*, dispers'd their Ships so, that out of Seventy no more than Forty eight arriv'd, and those in so wretched a Condition that all their Plans of Conquest were entirely defeated; having, to add to this misfortune, by Sickness and various Accidents, lost more than 2800 Men, before their Departure from thence, which was ten Days ago: The Course they steer'd is uncertain; but from the Vessels of observation dispatch'd from hence, which are now return'd, and from the Condition the fleet was in, we conclude they return'd to *Europe*. Thus, without one single Operation of ours, was an Armament, destin'd (as we may suppose) to ruin all the Colonie, happily confounded. The Duke *D'Anville*, who commanded, two Days after his arrival grew melancholy at so unpropitious a Prospect, and gave himself a *Quitus*. His Successor threw himself on his Sword, and either receiv'd the same Fate, or was very near it. We have Letters from *Holland*, and *Lisbon* of the 26th of *September* N. S. which advise, that the French in *Flanders* have not been less unfortunate; for notwithstanding the pompous account of their Strength and Numbers, it is certain they decline a general Action, and what Skirmishes have happen'd, which are not few, have been as often fatal. In *Italy* they have lost half their Army, and all their Hopes. The City of *Genoa* surrender'd to General *Brown*, who commands the *Austrian* Forces; so that Republic has made a short and blessed Campaign. What Events, favourable as these seem to be, will bring forth, Time alone can discover."

Wed: eday last, being the Fifth of *November*, that never-to-be forgotten Day of Thanks giving, the Rev. Mr. *Whitchfield* preach'd here a very good Sermon suitable to the Occasion, from those Words in *Prov. xiv. 28. Righteousness exalteth a Nation* — Just as Discontent ended, and the Congregation