

ment it must necessarily be incumbent on every Branch of the Legislature jointly to pursue that End, and not go to bargaining with one-another for what is their undoubted Right; but since that seems to be the Case we must rather chuse to go without part of that Right for a time than buy it at so high a Price as would make the House of Delegates for ever Dependant on his Lordship's Council.

In this unhappy Situation therefore we most earnestly desire your Excellency's favourable Interposition, to prevail with the Upper House to proceed with us in the usual manner by sending us back our Reviving and Re-enacting Bills with their former Duration, or if that cannot be effected you will be pleased to Dismiss us in such manner as your Excellency shall think fit.

The Address to his Excellency being Ingrossed, the same was Signed on Behalf, and by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Col. *Hanson* and Mr. *Matthews* Ordered to acquaint his Excellency, this House hath prepared an Address to him, and to desire his Excellency will be pleased to let this House know, when and where he will receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker the Governor is ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That the Address be Presented by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, attended by the Members of the Lower House, Presented to his Excellency the Address of this House in the Conference Chamber.

The several Members of the House returned.

Mr. Speaker re-assumed the Chair.

Capt. *Richard Gift*, a returned Member for *Baltimore* County, appears in the House.

Mr. *Matthews* and Mr. *Sheredine* sent to the Upper House to see him Qualified.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual manner.

The Gentleman took his Place in the House.

Col. *Hammond*, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message:

By the Upper House of Assembly, June 4. 1740.

Gentlemen,

WE have appointed *Benjamin Tasker*, Esq; Col. *James Hollyday*, and Col. *Levin Gale*, Members of our House, to join Messieurs *King*, *Sprigg*, *Denton*, *Wootton* and *Smith*, Members of your House, as a Committee to examine into the State of the Fund for Arms and Ammunition,