

+ Votes and Proceedings, February, 1755.

The following Message :

By the Lower House of Assembly, February 25, 1755.

*May it please your Honours,*

**T**HIS House hath appointed Mr. *Dulany*, Mr. *Earle*, Col. *John Henry*, Mr. *Edge*, Mr. *Beall* and Mr. *Handy*, a Committee from this House to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly; and desire your Honours to appoint one or more of the Members of your House, to join in the said Committee.

Signed per Order, *M. Macnemara*, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Dulany* and Mr. *Earle*.

On Motion, That a Bill be brought in, *Directing the Commissioners of the Paper Currency Office, to call in speedily the Interest Money due on Bonds, and other Securities, and all Monies due on Funds payable into the said Office*; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. *Lloyd*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Address, *Ingrossed, viz.*

To his Excellency *HORATIO SHARPE, Esq;* Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

*May it please your Excellency,*

**W**E, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of *Maryland*, in your General Assembly convened, return your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech, at the Opening of this Session; and assure your Excellency, that however sensible we have already expressed ourselves, of the fatal Consequences which must attend the Enemy's remaining Masters of the Country to the Westward; and whatever Promises we have made on our Part towards averting that Danger with which their Vicinity threatens us; the same Sensibility of those Consequences, and Readiness to perform those Promises, still influence us. And were the self-interested Motive of our own Preservation entirely out of the Case, our Sense of our Duty to his most sacred Majesty, whose gracious Benevolence, and paternal Care towards all his Subjects, so highly conspicuous, would demand from us our warmest and just Acknowledgements, and excite our best Efforts to answer his Royal Expectations.

But we intreat your Excellency to reflect, that We the Delegates, make but one Branch of the Legislature of this Province, and, that without the Concurrence of the rest, however well disposed we may be, nothing effectual can be done towards promoting the present Service, as is too evident from what we have already unsuccessfully attempted on this Subject.

We shall, nevertheless, on our Part, take into Consideration the several Matters by your Excellency laid before us; and hope the Circumstances of the Times and People we Represent, considered, to acquit ourselves, as not undeserving his Majesty's Goodness, your Excellency's Approbation, or the Esteem of our Constituents and other Fellow-Subjects.

We entertain no doubt of your Excellency's having properly and frugally disposed of the Sum you mention, and readily accept your Offer of an Account in Part, and hope the same with regard to the Residue when you shall be able to lay such Account before us.

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

*Ordered*, That Dr. *Carroll* and Mr. *M. Tilghman*, do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to be Presented to him, and