

Things as shall be objected against him, for having uttered several Speeches, reflecting on the Dignity and Proceedings of the Lower House of Assembly of the Province aforesaid.

*The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING, February 25, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Murdoch* be added to the Committee of Laws.

*Philip Hammond*, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to his Excellency the Governor; which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

*The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.*

*Post-Meridie.* The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. *Croft* appeared in the House.

Mr. *Ligon*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following ingrossed Address, &c.

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,*

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of *Maryland*, in Assembly convened, beg Leave to return your Excellency our most sincere Thanks for your kind Speech, at the Opening of this Session: An Opportunity to provide for our immediate Safety, and to contribute to the Execution of a Plan that has been concerted (in Obedience to his Majesty's Instructions to General *Stirling*) for preventing the further Encroachments of his ambitious and perfidious Enemies, on his *American* Dominions, and dispossessing them of what they have, in a Time of full Peace, in open Violation of the most solemn Treaties, made themselves Masters of, we embrace with the greatest Pleasure, as most agreeable to our Wishes.

We flatter ourselves our Behaviour on this so highly important Occasion, will fully demonstrate, that your Excellency's Confidence of our keeping secret the Copy of the Minutes of Proceedings of a Council of War, held at *New-York*, together with the other Papers, therewith, by your Excellency, for our Satisfaction, laid before us, is well grounded: And we will, after paying a due Regard to our own immediate Safety, with the greatest Cheerfulness and Expedition, grant such Supplies as can be reasonably expected from this Province, towards carrying the proposed Plan into Execution. And being as deeply affected with a Sense of the Danger of suffering the Enemy to make any further Progress, and of our Duty to the best of Sovereigns, as any of our Fellow-Subjects in the neighbouring Colonies can be, we hope to acquit ourselves as well as the most Zealous of them: Nor shall it be for Want of our cheerfully exerting our utmost Endeavours (consistent with the Rights and Privileges of our Constituents) to promote and forward them, if unhappily those Enterprizes that may be undertaken for our common Safety, and in the Event of which we are so nearly interested, should not prove successful.

That our Circumstances and Prospect are much altered since last Spring, by the Issue of the Expedition, in which the Troops that his Majesty was graciously pleased to order from *Europe* to our Assistance, and some of the Provincial Forces, were then engaged, and with the Consequences thereof to these Southern Colonies, we are unfortunately too well acquainted: But whether by that Event, by *French* Artifices, or by any other Mean, the *Delaware* and *Shawanese* Tribes of *Indians* (till then esteemed our Friends) have been terrified, or seduced from their Attachment to the *British* Interest, and instigated to carry on a most cruel and inhuman War, we are most sensibly affected with, and feel with ardent Indignation, the most severe Calamities which the Frontier-Inhabitants (especially of our Sister Colonies) have for some Time been, and we understand still are exposed to, from so active, fierce and merciless Enemies.

To multiply Words on a Subject so shocking to human Nature, might perhaps afford Occasion of Suspicion, that