

may not be thought inadequate to near Seven in drawing and framing it. We are glad to find that you apprehend we did not mean to throw any Reflection upon the Conduct of your Honourable House, as mispending the Time you took in considering the Bill, when we mentioned that our deep Sensibility of the Distresses of our Frontier Inhabitants, the Dangers threatening his Majesty's *American* Dominions in general, and our Concern at the daily Increase of our heavy Public Debt, would not permit us to spend our Time (the Time of this House) in a Method of Proceeding, we conceived, beneath the Dignity and inconsistent with the Candour that ought to be preserved between the Branches of the Legislature; and we are confident every cool Reader must, in this Particular, agree with your Honours. The Method of Proceeding your Honours propose, and would feign draw us into, we ought to take no further Notice of than to repeat, that it is unparliamentary, and to Judges, better than either of our Houses (and to such we should gladly appeal) it must be obvious: But lest others should be prejudiced against our Conduct, by the Plausibility of yours, in Proceeding, as you say, in such Mode as might conduce to the more easy Passage of the Bill, we shall just take Time to observe, that should we, upon your sending us some of the several material Objections you have to the Bill, proceed, contrary to the established Rules of Proceeding, to take into Consideration those Objections, and even to the contrary, to the undoubted Rights and Privileges of this House, concur with you in all of them, What might reasonably be concluded would be the Consequence? Why, most clearly, that according to the Temper you should discover in this House of giving up Rights, your Demands would rise, and after spending a long Time in considering new Objections, and for the Relief of the poor unhappy People on the Borders, and for his Majesty's Service in general, giving up some of the Rights of the Whole, you would still proceed in starting Objections, and we must go on in giving up Rights, till you had new formed our Bill; and what Shape it would appear in, when entirely agreeable to your Honours, must remain in Conjecture only. We shall rejoice at an Opportunity of shewing, in any regular Way of Proceeding on this Bill, how much we have at Heart, his Majesty's Service in general, the Safety and Welfare of this Province in particular, and more especially the Relief of our poor distressed Inhabitants on the Western Frontier, from the horrible Effects of Savage Cruelty. But in our Resolution, not to proceed in an unheard-of, unparliamentary and endless Method of obviating old and receiving new Objections, we firmly persist; and hope, after your Honours have taken up such Time in considering the Bill, as to be able to make all your Objections, you will proceed in such regular Manner as may conduce to an happy and speedy Conclusion of this important Affair.

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

Being read, the Question was put, Whether the House Approves of the same, or Not? Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Messieurs	{	J. Reeder,	Carroll,	Travers,	Ward,	E. Tilghman,
		Hynson,	Stoddert,	Tolley,	Addison,	Bracco,
		Williamson,	Handy,	Govane,	Murdock,	Crabb,
		Wallis,	M. Tilghman,	Smith,	Dulany,	Chapline,
		Hammond,	Edmondson,	Earle,	Jordan,	Sprigg,
		Hall,	Edge,	Baker,	Lloyd,	Jenifer.
		Gassaway,				

For the NEGATIVE,

Messieurs R. Henry, J. Dennis, Casson.

Which Message was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Matthew Tilghman and Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Matthew Tilghman, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to his Excellency; which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

Mr. Murdock, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following ingrossed Address, 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,

UPON considering your Excellency's Account, this Day laid before us, for Transcribing, by Order of his Majesty in Council, the Acts of Assembly of this Province, we think it needful to have a List of