



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 the Province of *Maryland*, in Assembly convened, return your Excellency our Thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session.

The severe Loss which we have sustained by the Death of our late most Gracious Sovereign, whose paternal Care We and all our Fellow-Subjects have so sensibly experienced, fills our Hearts with the deepest Concern, and we most sincerely condole with your Excellency on that melancholy Event.

But while we deplore the Loss of so great and good a King, it affords us the highest Consolation to see the Throne immediately filled by one of His illustrious Descendants, whose eminent and princely Virtues are happy Prefages of a Continuance of all those Blessings we have so long enjoyed under the mild and glorious Reign of His Royal Grandfather; upon which important Occasion, permit us to offer your Excellency our most hearty Congratulations.

We are fully sensible of the Wisdom of His Majesty's Resolution, to push the War with Vigour, and shall immediately take under our Consideration, the Letters you have been pleased to lay before us from the Right Honourable WILLIAM PITT, Esq; and his Excellency General AMHERST: And as we cannot doubt but we shall equally share the Blessings, which all the good and loyal Subjects of our most Gracious Sovereign have the greatest Reason to expect under His auspicious Reign, so we flatter ourselves that our Proceedings on this Occasion will preserve the favourable Opinion, which we hope His Majesty entertains of the People of this Province, and give a sufficient Proof of our own Attachment to His Sacred Person and Government.

April 14, 1761.

H. HOOPER, Speaker.

His Excellency's ANSWER:

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

BE pleased to accept my Acknowledgments for your obliging Address, for your Promise to take immediately into Consideration the Letters which I have laid before you, and for the Hopes you have given me, that your Proceedings on this Occasion will be a convincing Proof of your Attachment to His Majesty's Sacred Person and Government, and of your earnest Desire to preserve the favourable Opinion which I hope He hath been graciously pleased to entertain of the Inhabitants of this Province.

April 15, 1761.

HOR^o. SHARPE.

