

Lib. J. R. At a Council held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday  
& U. S. the 11th day of December, in the Fifteenth year of his Lord-  
ship's Dominion Anno: Domini 1765.

Present as yesterday.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Address from the Lower House of Assembly.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> 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

In Answer to your Message of last Night, We assure your Excellency, We are very sensible of the bad Consequences of large Bodies of People coming hither with a View to intimidate either Branch of the Legislature, or to lay them under any Restraint. We shall therefore, immediately take every Step in our Power to prevent any Measures that may have such Tendency, to which End, We Pray your Excellency to lay before us the Evidences you have received of the Arming or Assembling of any Bodies of People with that Intention.

We are very sorry to find such an Imputation on a Member of Our House, as that laid on Col<sup>o</sup> Cresap, and We yet have hopes your Excellency's Information in that Particular is without just foundation, as it appears by Our Journals that he has not attended the House since the 22<sup>d</sup> of November, at which time, We conclude, he left this Place, and when it could not be foreseen that any Difficulties would arise between the two Houses in relation to the Payment of any Public Claims.

As We should be very far from Countenancing in any of our Members a Conduct Tending to Disturb the Public Peace and deprive any Branch of the Legislature of that Freedom of Debating and Judging which is essential to the Constitution, We think it in Justice due to the Public as well as to Col<sup>o</sup> Cresap, that this Charge against him should be examined and set in a true Light, and therefore hope your Excellency will Communicate to this House the Evidence on which the Charge contained in your Message is founded.

11th December 1765

Read and assented to

By the Lower House of Assembly

Sign'd p order

Rob<sup>t</sup> Lloyd Speaker.

D<sup>r</sup> David Ross being sent for makes the following Deposition.

D<sup>r</sup> David Ross deposeth, and saith, that some time before the 1<sup>st</sup> of last November, to wit about the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of last