

cating the said Report and Concurrence be presented to his Excellency. Lib. J. R.  
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27<sup>th</sup> May 1766.

Signed by Order  
Upton Scott Clk. Con.

Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> attended by the Members of this Board, presents to His Excellency the above Report and their Address which follows in these Words:

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 Upper House of Assembly.  
May it please your Excellency

In Consequence of his Lordship's Instruction relative to the Ordinary Licences bearing date the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1765 being Communicated to this Board by your Excellency a Committee was appointed particularly to Consider the Subject thereof, and to make a Report of their Opinion.

Upon the Report of the Committee we are to inform your Excellency that the matter again fell under Our Consideration, and that we are unanimously of Opinion his Lordship is not intitled to the Ordinary Licences by Virtue of his Prerogative. The Report and Proceeding thereon, which attend this Address will shew to your Excellency the Grounds of Our Opinion. p. 424

Permit us further to intimate to your Excellency our Apprehension that, if his Lordship should still insist upon his Claim to the Ordinary Licences, upon which the above Instruction is founded, it will very much tend to the Obstruction of Public Business and be productive of very general Dissatisfaction.

As we have always been firm and Steady in the Support of his Lordship's just Rights without being deterred by popular Clamour from holding the Conduct which becomes Our Station, so we flatter Ourselves your Excellency will be persuaded nothing but a Conviction that his Lordship's Claim cannot be supported upon the Principles of Our Constitution hath induced us to make a Representation unfavourable to his Pretension

27<sup>th</sup> May 1766.

Benjamin Tasker President

Ordered that the above Report and Address be Recorded in the Council Proceedings and not in the Upper House Journal.

Read the following Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Tilghman jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk of Queen Anns County.