

M^r Smith, and M^r Calder, were ordered to acquaint his Excellency, this House hath prepared an address to him, and desires to know when and where he will receive it: They return and acquaint M^r Speaker, the Governor will be ready in half an Hours time to receive it in the Conference Chamber. L. H. J.

Ordered, That the Address be presented to his Excellency by M^r Smith and Thirteen more, They return and acquaint M^r Speaker they presented the Address. p. 384

On motion of a Member, that a Bill be brought in to Regulate officers fees, Leave is given.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the Bill

On motion of a Member, That a Bill be brought in to oblige Attorneys to prove their List of fees before they obtain Execution. Leave is given.

William Stoughton Esq^r from the Committee of Laws, delivers M^r Speaker a Bill entituled An Act for raising per Hogshead, on all Tobacco to be exported, for purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the defence of this Province; which Bill was Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, that a Bill be brought in, to exempt Overseers, or those persons who have the Immediate Care of Slaves, from attending Musters: Leave is given.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in such Bill.

The House Adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem

The House met according to Adjournment &c.

An Address to his Excellency pursuant to order, was brought in, Read approved, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

The following Address viz.

To his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Governor of Maryland

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

We with pleasure observe, that your Excellency is carrying on the Building designed for the Residence of the Govern^r of this province for the time being; and we are not in the least Doubtful but you are pursuing the directions of the Act of Assembly, that enables your Excellency to purchase ffour acres of Land within the fence of the City of Annapolis for the use of the public.

But as the property of the Land, so to be purchased and upon which such Building is, as we conceive now ffounded, nearly concerns the Country, and M^r Stephen Bordley, has delivered into our