L. H. J. readily leave it according to your own Offer, to the Determination Liber No. 46 of the unbiassed Part of mankind, how sincerely and heartily your self and the Council have in this Instance detested infringing the Liberties of the People of Maryland;" and also how far your Justification of your and their Conduct in this Point, by your last message, will be a Proof of it; as also how far you and they "have acted with a true and sincere Regard to the Welfare and Ease of the People, in charging them with only a single Pound of Tobacco instead of calling an Assembly, which would very probably have cost them more than ten Times that Quantity," when there not only does not appear to be any necessity for levying that Pound of Tobacco, there being no Widows or Orphans to provide for; but also when there does appear to have been an Assembly sitting within that very year, before the levying of it, and when the publick Levy might and ought to have been laid; besides the present one now sitting, within a year after the Order for levying it; and also how far the same Argument may be made use of, for the levying in like manner larger Sums of Tobacco or Money on the People, and may be carried to dispense with the Practice of Assemblies meeting at all.

And to conclude, as we are fully satisfied that the Law of 1715 has long since expired, we must humbly hope, that neither your Excellency nor the Council, nor both together, for the Time being, will levy this 50,000 lb of Tobacco on the People, not only not once in every year in the Interval of Assemblies." but not even "once in many years" nor at all for the future.

Being read and assented to, was ordered, on behalf of the House, to be signed by the Honourable Speaker.

Dr Buchanan and Mr Barnes ordered to acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it. They return and acquaint Mr Speaker he will receive it immediately in the Conference Chamber

p. 510 William Stoughton Esq<sup>re</sup> with thirteen others sent to present the Address. They return and acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Speaker they have presented it.

On motion of a Member, that a Bill be brought in for Relief of insolvent Debtors; Leave is given, and Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the same.

The House adjourns 'til To-Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

September

Wednesday morning, September 11, 1745

The House met according to Adjournment, and the Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Col. Henry appears in the House