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The same Gentlemen sent to present the Address. They return and acquaint M^r Speaker they have presented it. It being represented to this House that the Officers now raising Men for the Expedition against Canada do enlist Servants Ordered therefore that the Committee of Laws prepare an Address to the Governor requesting him that He will Order the said Officers to forbear such Practice. M^r Dennis hath leave of the House to go Home. The House Adjourns till 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment. M^r Thomas Iobson desiring to resign his Place of Serjeant at Arms he is discharged from any further Attendance on this House. M^r Phillip Hammond delivers M^r Speaker an Address to the Governor which was read approved of and Ordered to be Ingrossed. The House make choyce of M^r Thomas King to be their Serjeant at Arms and Ordered that Maj Hall administer to Him the several Oaths to the Government and Oath of Office. The following Ingrossed Address to the Governor being read and assented to was Ordered on Behalf of the House to be signed by the Hon^{ble} Speaker Viz.

To his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Governor of Maryland.

The Humble Address of the House of Delegates

May it please your Excellency

This General Assembly having provided a Sufficient Encouragement for Able-bodied Freemen only to enlist themselves in his Majestys service in the Intended Expedition against Canada it might reasonably have been Expected that the Officers or Persons concerned would have avoided either encouraging or taking servants belonging to the Inhabitants: But since it appears that Servants are not only Encouraged to enlist but that several are actually enlisted in Order therefore to put a stop to such Practice for the future and that Right may Be done to the Persons already injured, We intreat your Excellency will give directions to the Officers in General not to inlist any Servants and upons Being made appear to any of the said Officers that any of the Persons already enlisted By them are servants that they restore such servants to their respective Masters on Application made for them. M^r Sheredine and M^r Bayard ordered to acquaint the Governor that this House Hath prepared an Address to Him and desire to know when and where He will please to receive it. They return and acquaint M^r Speaker His Excellency will receive it on Monday Morning in the Conference Chamber. Maj. Hall acquaints M^r Speaker that M^r Thomas King serjeant at Arms had Taken the Oaths to the Government that he had signed