

L. H. J.
Liber No. 46

Post Meridiem

The House met according to Adjournment

The following engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governour, viz.

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

The Humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said Province

May it please your Excellency

p. 451 We his Majestys most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of Maryland in this present General Assembly convened, take leave to acknowledge the Favour of your Excellency's Speech at the Opening of this Session; and your Goodness in communicating to us Governour Shirley's Letter, whereby we have the pleasing news of the Reduction of Louisburg on Cape Breton to his Majesty's Obedience; An Acquisition of the greatest Consequence to, and which does Honour to the Northern Colonies, who, tho' they in Conjunction with a Part of his Majesty's Navy have obtained the Glory of taking, may yet, without some present Assistance from the neighbouring Governments, be incapable of holding that important Conquest; as it is not doubted but the French King, our common Enemy, will with a suitable Force, endeavour to regain it. We shall therefore, to manifest our unfeigned Duty and Loyalty to His Majesty (altho' by his gracious condescension exempted from the least Demand,) proceed to raise such a Support for the protecting and securing the City of Louisburg against any Attempt of the Enemy, in such manner as the indigent Circumstances of our Constituents will admit: And shall likewise, for Dispatch, allow this Proceeding the first place in our Consultations; and in Compliance with our Duty, also carry on with due order and Circumspection, every other Branch of Business that lays properly before us, altho' not recommended by your Excellency: And act and do in every Respect, the Duty of good Subjects, faithful Representatives, and true Lovers of our Country.

Being prepared, was ordered, on Behalf of the House, to be signed by the Honourable Speaker; which being done, Ordered, That Col. King, and Major Henry Hall acquaint his Excellency that this House hath prepared an Address to his Excellency, on his Speech, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it: They return, and acquaint M^r Speaker, the Governour will receive it in half an Hour, in the Conference Chamber, Col. King, with thirteen others, sent to present the Address to his Excellency: They return, and acquaint M^r Speaker they have presented the Address.

M^r Joseph Hall, a returned Member for Calvert County, and M^r William Wilkinson, a returned Member for Charles County, appear in the House. M^r Brome and M^r Mackall sent to the Upper House