

to see them qualified: They return, and say they saw them qualified by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signing the Oath of Abjuration, and repeating and signing the Test. L. H. J. Liber No. 46

The Gentlemen take their Seats in the House.

The Petition of John Roberts, and Thomas Bond, of Baltimore County Planters, read and rejected.

The Petition of several of the Inhabitants of the Province of Maryland, representing the Injuries done by Negroes and their Dogs, and by Crows and Hawks; read, and referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

M^r Harris added to the Committee of Laws.

On Motion of a Member from the Committee of Aggrievances, that a Pound of Tobacco hath been levied by Order of the Governour and Council, upon each Taxable Person of this Province; Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare an Address to his Excellency the Governour, to order to be laid before this House, by what Authority the said Pound of Tobacco hath been levied.

D^r Carroll brings in the Address to his Excellency the Governour, which was read, approved of, and ordered to be engrossed.

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 Evcellency.

It appearing to this House that there hath been assessed and levied, by order of your Excellency and Council, the Sum of one Pound of Tobacco, on every Taxable Person within this Province; and to enforce the Collection thereof, an Execution hath been put into the Hands of the respective Sherifs: But in as much as it is not known to this House, by what Power and Authority your Excellency and their Honours have done the same, we humbly pray, your Excellency will please to order to be laid before this House, the Authority by which the said Tax hath been assessed, levied, and Execution issued for the same. Being prepared, was ordered, on Behalf of the House, to be signed by the Honourable Speaker; which being done, Ordered, That M^r Goldsborough and M^r Paca acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to his Excellency, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it: They return, and say, his Excellency will receive it immediately upon the Parade.

M^r Nicholas Goldsborough, with thirteen others, sent to present the Address: They return and acquaint M^r Speaker they have presented the Address. p. 452

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning 9 of the Clock