

L. H. J. which is reasonable and expedient for the Security and Prosperity
 Liber No. 47 of those who are intitled to that Appellation: A due Execution of the
 March 8 Laws in Force in this Province, you may be assured I will always
 encourage and promote.

Hor.^o Sharpe.

Col. Lloyd, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill intituled, An Act empowering the Justices of Frederick County Court, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, a Sum of Current Money for the Use therein mentioned; indorsed, “ By the Upper House of Assembly, March 6, 1754. Read the second Time and will pass.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.”

Which Bill was here read, and passed for ingrossing

Doctor Hamilton brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following ingrossed Address, viz.

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

In Answer to your Excellency’s Message of the sixth Instant, sent to us, together with the Governor of Virginia’s Letter; we sincerely profess, that it gives us no small Concern, to have any Occasion of differing in Sentiments with your Excellency, and likewise, that we have not been able to procure a Bill, sent from this to the Upper House, For his Majesty’s Service; but, upon the most mature Consideration of your Excellency’s Message, and the Letter therewith sent, we humbly conceive, that the Situation, or Circumstance, of our Neighbours of Virginia, with regard to any Violence or Outrage, threatened or perpetrated against them, by the French, does not require our immediate Aid or Assistance, by the raising of an armed Force here, agreeable to the Instructions given us, in the Earl of Holderness’s Letter; and therefore, we do not think it necessary to do any Thing in that Matter at present.

Which was read and assented to, and signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Col. Harrison, and Mr. B. Mackall, do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when, and where, he will please to receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified he was ready to receive the Address immediately, in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Stoddert, and Three more, do present the Address.

On motion, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, For the Raising of a Sum of Money to be laid out in the Purchasing of Presents for the Northern and Southern Indians,