

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; Governor and Com-  
mander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 47  
May 27

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

In Answer to your Excellency's Message of the 25th of this Instant, we assure your Excellency, that our Actions have corresponded with our Professions at the Opening of this Session: And that for the Purposes mentioned in your Excellency's Speech, we Resolved on Ways and Means for raising a Sum of Three Thousand Pounds Current Money, to be applied for his Majesty's Service; as also Three Hundred Pounds Sterling to be laid out in a Present to the Six Nations of Indians; and One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Current Money, to defray the Expences of Commissioners to be sent to Albany to deliver the said Present, and to renew the Covenant Chain with those Indians; for which Purposes we prepared a Bill, which was sent to the Upper House, and for the Passage of which we used all the Endeavours in our Power, and made as many Concessions as was consistent with the Right and Liberty of the People we represent; and we can with Truth assure your Excellency, that the Failure of that Bill gives us the utmost Concern. p. 449

To demonstrate our hearty Desire to secure the Friendship of our Indian Allies, we have agreed, that a Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Current Money be paid by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, to be laid out in a Present to those Indians, by such Commissioners as your Excellency shall be pleased to appoint to deliver the said Present, and renew the Covenant Chain with them; and the further Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, to be paid by the said Treasurer, to defray the Expences of the Commissioners; and have great Hopes that our Conduct upon these Occasions, will meet with your Excellency's Approbation.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Key and Doctor Hamilton, 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, his Excellency was pleased to signify he was ready to receive the Address immediately, in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Key, and Five more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, May 27, 1754.

May it please your Honours,

This House has resolved, that the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Currency be laid out in Presents, to be delivered to the Six Nations