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there were also, at the same Time, Public-Ordinary-Keepers that kept such Ordinaries without any Licences at all, which manifestly shews, that his Lordship cou'd not prevent Persons from keeping Ordinaries without Licences, and consequently, that he must be sensible his Power, by Prerogative, was not sufficient to compel them even to take Licences, much less to pay a Fine for them.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Chapline appeared in the House.

Mr. M. Tilghman, from the Committee of Laws, 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,

We have re-considered your Message of Monday; and as we have already earnestly endeavoured, as far as the Circumstances of our Country will admit, to provide for the Requisitions made by the Letters of Sir Thomas Robinson, and General Braddock, and every other Purpose relative to his Majesty's Service on the present Exigency; and as we cannot, in Duty to our Constituents, or consistently with our own Privileges, wave insisting on the same Ways and Means which have already been proposed, for replacing any Monies that may be granted, we have not the least Hopes of Success in making any further Proposal.

The Appropriation of the Ordinary Licence Fines (which has at last appeared to be the great Obstacle to our repeated generous Grants) we are so firmly of Opinion, is the undoubted Right of the Country, that nothing will ever induce us to give them up, or to do any Thing which may weaken that Right; and since the Gentlemen of the Upper House, by their Messages, seem determined not to depart from what they look upon, in this Particular, as the Lord Proprietary's Right by Prerogative, there is no Room to expect any Thing further can be done, and therefore we once more request your Excellency to put an End to his Session.

Which was Read and assented to & signed by Order of the House, by the Hon^{ble} Speaker.

Ordered that Major Hall and M.^r Edward Tilghman 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 M.^r Speaker, that the Governor was pleased to signify he was Ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.