

L. H. J. Col.<sup>o</sup> Tilghman, from the Committee of Laws, brings in the fol-  
Liber No. 48 lowing ingrossed Address, viz.<sup>t</sup>  
July 7

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 this Day, we should be extremely wanting in Duty to, and Affection for, our Fellow-Subjects and Fellow-Christians, on our Western Frontiers, at present under the Terrors of daily Expectations of further Invasions, Depredations and Murders, by the Savage Indian Allies of our most ambitious and most implacable Enemies the French, if we did not embrace every Opportunity of manifesting our deep Concern for their Distresses, and of evincing our Readiness to administer every reasonable Mean within our Power, agreeable to the Duty of our Station, which might probably give Relief, in their most deplorable Circumstances.

p. 150 The several Bills which we have sent to the Upper House, in this and the two last Sessions, are, we hope, sufficient Proofs of our earnest Endeavours to promote his Majesty's Service, on the present Expedition to the Westward, on the Event of which, not only the Lives and Safety of our Fellow-Subjects, on our Western Borders, may immediately, but perhaps our own, consequently, so greatly depend, and as we despair, that any Expedient we can now propose, even would we be so irregular as once more to reconsider the Bill, mentioned by your Excellency, can have any good Effect, we therefore hope, we shall not remain any longer here at present, so greatly expensive to our Constituents, and from the extream Unseasonableness of the Time of Year, so much to the Disadvantage of our private Concerns; and we humbly presume to hope, that we shall not be called again, till a Season proper for continuing upon a Course of the common Business of the Country, unless it shall fortunately happen, that the present Unwillingness in that Honourable House, to concur with Measures reasonable, and well concerted, for promoting his Majesty's Service, and, consequently, perserving the Lives, Liberties, and Properties of Ourselves, and our Fellow-Christians and Subjects, shall be removed; and we take Leave firmly to assure your Excellency, that whenever that may be the Case, the Considerations of Health, Private Concern, and Inclemency of Season, of any Kind, shall vanish before those much more important Ones of his Majesty's Service, and our Country's Safety, and we will, with most chearful Expedition, obey your Excellency's Summons.

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