

Ordered, That Philip Hammond, Esq; and Capt. Jordan, 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 his Excellency was pleased to signify, he was ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

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Ordered, That Mr. Lloyd, with Five more, do present the Address.

Dr. Carroll, from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill entituled, An Act to prevent any Person or Persons within this Province, from exporting Provisions of any Kind, Ammunition or Warlike Stores, for the Time therein mentioned; which was read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass, and was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. James John Mackall and Mr. Gray.

Philip Hammond, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency, which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

His Excellency the Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I am very glad to find by your Address, presented me last Friday, that you are well satisfied and convinced of my Principles, Loyalty, and firm Attachment to the present happy Constitution, in Church and State, and at the Confidence you express yourselves to have in my Inclination and Desire to protect and countenance his Majesty's faithful Protestant Subjects in this Province: For doing me Justice in entertaining such Sentiments, I return you Thanks, and at the same Time assure you, I shall embrace every Occasion of confirming you in that Opinion. But lest a Stranger should be led to put a different Construction on some Words in that Address, from what you meant or desire, I shall also endeavour to explain and set in their true and proper Light those Parts which seem most likely to deceive or impose on indifferent Persons, who may have the Curiosity to peruse it.

As you cannot allude to myself, where you speak of frequent Addresses heretofore on this Subject, and as the general Assertions or Insinuations with which the present begins, seem to be founded or dependent on the particular Facts afterwards specified, I shall pass that Part unnoticed, to observe a little upon those remarkable and notorious Incidents and Instances. . . . The Criminal who was condemned in St. Mary's County, and now enjoys the Benefit of a Reprieve, was, you say, recommended to me as a proper Object of Clemency, upon the Merit of becoming a Proselyte to the Popish Religion: Of what Church that unhappy Wretch now declares himself, or that he heretofore entertained different Sentiments with

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