

U. H. J. Benjamin Tasker Esq.^r Attended by the Members of this House
Liber No. 35 Presents to his Excellency the Address of this House which follows
February 24 in these words

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

The Humble Address of the upper House of Assembly
May it Please your Excellency

We beg leave to return your Excellency our unfeigned thanks for your Speech at the opening of this Session and to Assure your Excellency it is with the deepest Concern we see the Miseries our Fellow Subjects daily Suffer from Cruel and Barbarous Savages and His Majesties Territories Possessed by the faithless French in open Violation of the Most Solemn Treaties and we Rejoice to hear from your Excellency a Plan has been Concerted by General Shirley for Preventing their farther Encroachments and of dispossessing them of what they most unjustly made themselves Masters of, We Sincerely wish it Success And shall with the greatest Cheerfulness and alacrity Contribute all in our power to Enable the General to Carry it into Execution being Perfectly Convinced that without the most Vigorous and Joint Efforts of all his Majestys Colonies at the time we Run the greatest Risque of losing everything we hold Dear

The Laws your Excellency Recommended to us for better Regulating the Militia and for preventing the Exportation of Warlike Stores and Provisions to the Enemy we think Absolutely Necessary and such Laws shall meet with our hearty Concurrence.

Permit us Sir to take this opportunity thankfully to acknowledge your Zealous Concern for the welfare of the Province Manifested after the defeat of His Majestys Forces when you heastened to the Frontiers and put them in the best Posture of defence things would at that time admitt and to declare that we think from this Prudent Conduct of your Excellencys our Borders have been preserved from the Calamities our Neighbours now Suffer

Benj.^a Tasker President

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

February 25

Wednesday Morning 25.th February 1756

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday with the Addition of Richard Lee Esq.^r

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