

On Consideration of the said Report, Resolved, That this House will, in the Afternoon, Resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means to raise a Sum of Money towards his Majesty's Service.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
March 2

On Motion, Ordered, That M.^r Mills, M.^r Williamson, M.^r Hammond, M.^r J. Mackall, M.^r Smallwood, M.^r Waggaman, M.^r J. Goldsborough, M.^r C. Goldsborough, M.^r Govane, M.^r Earle, M.^r Murdock, M.^r Dulany, Col. Tilghman, Col. J. Henry, and M.^r Crabb, be a Committee to enquire into Ways and Means to raise Money for his Majesty's Service.

Ordered, That M.^r Lloyd and M.^r Dulany do present the Address to his Excellency.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to M.^r Speaker a Petition of the Indians of Locust-Neck upon Choptank River, in Dorchester County; indorsed By the Upper House of Assembly, referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly which Petition was here read, and ordered to lie on the Table. p. 176

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

His Excellency communicated to M.^r Speaker the following Message, viz.^t

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

In Answer to your Address, presented me this Morning, I must acquaint you, that I have not received any Letter from the Governors of Virginia and the Carolinas since I forwarded to them Copies of General Shirley's Proposals for a Treaty of Friendship and Alliance with the Southern Indians; neither do I know what Resolutions the Assemblies of those Provinces or Pennsylvania have come to thereon, tho' I flatter myself that none of them will be so far wanting to themselves, as to spare any Expence or Pains to secure those Indians to the British Interest, and engage them to assist his Majesty's Subjects in defending their Frontiers, or annoying their Enemies: As you also seem very solicitous to gain this most desirable Point, I am persuaded I need not urge any Arguments to incite you to make such Provision, agreeable to the General's Proposals, that when the several neighbouring Colonies have come to some Resolution thereon, they may find Commissioners sufficiently empowered by the Legislature of this Province, and ready to negotiate with theirs, and in Conjunction with them, by Presents or otherwise, to improve the good Disposition of the Catawba and Cherokee Nations towards us, which they have both professed, and the Chero-