

L. H. J. Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,
 Liber No. 48
 April 1

I have just received Letters from Major Prather, advising me, that he was disposing the Ranging Parties, of which he has the Command, in such a Manner, as will most probably give them an Opportunity of engaging a Party of Indians that has already done some Mischief on the Frontiers, near Mills's Fort. As the Money that you some Time since granted for the Support of these Ranging Parties is very near expended, and you have taken no Notice of my former Message on this Subject, I am obliged to apply to you once more, and hope to be speedily informed of your Resolutions thereon, that I may, by M.^r Dixon, who waits for my Answer, write to the Officers, either to keep up their respective Parties, if you think it necessary, or to disband them immediately, if you judge that Step most proper.

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Hor.^o Sharpe.

p. 210 Which was read; and Ordered, That Col. Tilghman, M.^r Matthew Tilghman, M.^r Murdock, and M.^r Carroll, do prepare and bring in an Address to his Excellency, in Answer thereto.

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to M.^r Speaker an Address to his Excellency; which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

On Motion, the Question was put, That his Excellency be allowed the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, provided he goes on the Expedition to the Westward. Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the Affirmative,

T. Reeder,	Dennis,	Baker,
Hynson,	Waggaman,	Murdock,
Williamson,	J. Goldsborough,	Bordley,
Wallis,	Edmondson,	Dulany,
Hammond,	Edge,	Lloyd,
Hall,	Gray,	E. Tilghman,
Carroll,	Paca,	Casson,
Smallwood,	Tolley,	Scarborough,
Jordan,	Smith,	J. Henry,
R. Henry,	Earle,	B. Handy,
Handy,	Hyland,	Chapline. [33]

For the Negative,

J. Reeder,	Govane,	Bracco,
Gassaway,	Ward,	Evans,
Reynolds,	Addison,	Crabb,
B. Mackall,	Fraser,	Beall.
Stoddert,	Hawkins,	[14]