

Ordered, That Mr. John Goldsborough, with Three more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

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Daniel Dulany, Esq; a Delegate of the Citizens of Annapolis, returned to serve in this present General Assembly, appeared in the House.

Ordered, That Capt. Gassaway and Capt. Worthington do go with M.<sup>r</sup> Dulany to the Upper House to see him qualified. They return and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker they saw M.<sup>r</sup> Dulany qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Thursday Morning, 23<sup>d</sup> September, 1756.

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The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Message, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

In Compliance with your Request, I herewith send you an Extract of the Letter that has been transmitted in Obedience to that from the Secretary of State. I find, on Enquiry, and by some Returns from Officers of the Militia, that a considerable Number of public Arms is lodged in the Court-Houses, or in the Hands of private Persons, in several of the Counties; most of these are much out of Repair, and many of them of little Value. Had all the Commanders of the Militia made due and regular Returns, I would lay them before you; but I am persuaded, that what I have received would little conduce to the Dispatch of the Business that has been recommended to your Consideration.

September 23, 1756.

Hor.<sup>o</sup> Sharpe.

The Extract referred to in the Message.

There are in and belonging to this Province 19 Carriage Guns all Iron but very good, four of them are 6 Librs and fifteen are 4 Librs the Last not mounted. In the Magazine is 16<sup>th</sup> weight of Six pound Shot, and 24 half barrels of powder: of Musquet Ball and bar Lead we have a Considerable Quantity; and there were in our Magazine last Spring about 500 Stand of Small Arms Some of these were lost at the Action of the Monongahela and most of the rest have been Delivered to the Men that have been Raised for the Defence of the Province, or distributed among the Frontier Inhabitants. The Militia of the Colony consists of about 16500 Men one third of whom have no Arms, and many of the other's Guns are very bad and Scarsly fit for use. For want of a proper Militia Law the people