

for his Majesty's Service, to defray the Expence of raising a Number of Men for the Royal American Regiment, and to the Defence and Security of this Province. But we are sorry to find ourselves under the disagreeable Necessity of acquainting your Excellency, that the Delay has altogether proceeded from our being disappointed in what we had so good Foundation to hope for, from your Promise in the last Paragraph in the same Speech; and we must inform your Excellency, that we were so firmly Resolved to manifest our Zeal for his Majesty's Service, by a ready Compliance with the Earl of Loudoun's Requisition, that a Bill for that Purpose, and the Defence and Security of our Western Frontier, has been in great Forwardness for some Days, and we now only wait your Excellency's Answer to our Address presented this Day, to enable us entirely to compleat it; and as we hope it will be passed into a Law with the greatest Expedition, we think it irregular to fall on any other Measure for supplying the Levy-Money desired by your Excellency. We cannot conclude without assuring you, that we are so far from being determined to pay no Regard to the Earl of Loudoun's Requisition, that we shall constantly endeavour to treat whatever comes from his Lordship with the greatest Regard; and that we hope we shall never disappoint your Excellency in any reasonable Expectation from, or Dependence on, this House.

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That M.^r Thomas Reeder and M.^r Casson 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 M.^r Speaker, that the Governor was pleased to signify he would receive the Address immediately in the Conferenc Chamber. p. 341

Ordered, That M.^r Matthew Tilghman, and Three more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

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

Saturday Morning, 25th September, 1756.

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The House met according to Adjournment: All the Members appeared as Yesterday, except M.^r John Goldsborough, M.^r Edmondson, M.^r Hammond, and Col. Fitzhugh.

The Governor communicated to M.^r Speaker the following Message, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

In Compliance with your Request, I send you a Plan of Fort-Frederick, and a Letter from Capt. Beall, whence you may learn what are the Dimensions of that Fort, and what Forwardness it is