

any such Effect, but rather that the Imposition of an additional Duty on every English Servant into this Province, seems calculated to impede such a Settlement, and we leave to your Consideration, whether it would not be better, in such a Conjunction as the present, to encourage the Importation of loyal English Subjects by a Bounty, than to deter them from coming among us, by laying a Duty on their Heads, at their Arrival. With respect to that Clause, that imposes an additional Duty on Criminals, we fear it may be deemed to clash with his Majesty's Authority, and that by consenting thereto, we may draw a Censure from the Throne, and run the Risque of incurring his Majesty's Displeasure.

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We could suggest many other Reasons against this Bill, but not doubting but what we have already offered will be sufficient to convince you of the Impropriety of the Bill in it's present Form, we hope the fervent Zeal, for his Majesty's Service, and the common Cause, that actuated you to vote such a generous Supply, will incline you to testify your sincere Intentions, by framing a very different Bill from that which we now return to you.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

Mr. Edward Tilghman, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following ingrossed Address, viz. p. 54

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief is and over the Province of Maryland.

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

As your Excellency was pleased to acquaint us, by your Message of the 21st of December last, that you had the Satisfaction to learn, that the Present of Five Hundred Pounds, which was granted by this Province in May last, to be made to the Six Nations of Indians, at an Interview to be held with them at Albany, on the 14th of June last, was accepted with particular Marks of Gratitude, for the Generosity and Benevolence of the People of this Province; we cannot but presume, that the Gentlemen appointed by your Excellency to represent this Province on that Occasion, have acted the Part in that Particular for which they were commissioned, though we cannot find that Transaction made a Part of their Proceedings, by the Minutes thereof, laid before us, by your Excellency, for our Perusal.

We do not conceive those Gentlemen were intended or impowered to agree upon any Plan of a proposed Union of the several Colonies, to be laid before the Parliament of Great-Britain, with humble Application for an Act, by Virtue of which one General Government may be formed in America, and therefore do not think ourselves obliged to take any particular Notice of their Minutes of Proceedings relative thereto; but, as it has been laid open to our View, we cannot, consis-