

Gentlemen

U. H. J.
Liber No. 35
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We are extremely sorry that the Bill for reducing the Allowances of the Members of both Houses, from which so much Benefit would redound to the Province in the Dispatch of public Business, and the Reduction of the Taxes from your Constituents should fail with you upon so slight a Pretence as that intimated in your Message of this Day when no substantial Objection could be made by you to the Justice, or Propriety of the Alterations we proposed, the general Assertion that we have proceeded in an unparliamentary manner may be more easily made as an Evasion than proved or defended, and is somewhat surprising considering the many Instances in which your House hath observed the same Method and it should seem that had there been some little Mistake in the Mode of our Proceeding it might have been obviated if not overlooked with no great Difficulty, were there not really wanting a sincere Disposition to pass this very useful Bill

Signed p Order M Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho. [sic]

Benjamin Tasker Esq: attended by the Members of this House presents to his Excellency their Address which follows in these Words

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

The humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly

May it please your Excellency

The Letter from the Right honourable the Earl of Loudoun, which you have been pleased to communicate to us, contains such clear and engaging Reasons, and urges such strong and interesting Motives for a Compliance with his Lordship's Requisition, that had we no other Objection to the Supply Bill sent us by the Lower House, than its Disregard of and direct Repugnance to his Lordship's Recommendation we could not have assented to it

Every Part of this prolix, intangled, and impracticable Bill, relative to the and Service of the Troops is so apparently derogatory to the Powers of his Lordship's Commission invasive of the Indubitable Prerogative of the Crown, and incumber'd with such absurd Restrictions as hardly to admit of the least Doubt that in these as well as in many other Instances it was framed with a View to evade the granting of any Money

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The divided State of the Colonies is justly deplored by all sensible Men who are interested in their Safety and Prosperity, and animated with an adequate Zeal for their Welfare, the only Provision amidst the Distraction of such various Views as are entertained in the different Colonies notwithstanding the common Danger, which has the least Tendency towards an Union, or can conduce to an uniform